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Missoula, Montana

AROUND THE STATE

Edith Caplis has resigned from the staff of the Missoula Public Library. Appointed to replace her is **Mrs. Elizabeth O'Shaughnessey,** who has had in-service training in the Los Angeles Public Library and ten years of experience in one of its branch libraries.

At Montana State College Library, the Circulation and Reference departments have been combined in a Readers' Service Department. **Mrs. Phyllis Wollaston** is a new member of the staff, replacing **June Kostyk,** who is attending the University of Florida at Gainesville. She plans to be a medical librarian.

New appointments on the staff of the Parmly Billings Memorial Library include: **Joanne Classen,** a graduate of the School of Librarianship, University of Denver, as children's librarian; **Mary Ruth Yow,** a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, North Carolina, as bookmobile librarian. Two staff members have assumed new positions: **Ann Kraus** is in charge of the high school department and assistant reference librarian; **Mrs. Gladys Bunker** is assistant children's librarian.

Wedding bells will ring for **Inez Ratekin** on October 24. Miss Ratekin will continue her work as Lincoln County librarian at least until the first of the year.

On Sept. 19, the Big Horn County Library held Open House to introduce its patrons to the new children's room in the basement and the enlarged and remodeled reading room on the main floor. An attractive color scheme of flamingo and gray was carried out in the children's room. Two supporting pillars in the room were ingeniously utilized as centers for a circular table and a circular upholstered seat. A slant-top table and a bench provide browsing space for small fry. Large cut-outs of nursery rhyme figures adorning the walls, modern lighting, asphalt tile flooring and low book shelving add to the attractiveness and utility of the room. Congratulations to **Mrs. Laura M. Carter,** librarian, and **Mrs. Cecil Holland,** assistant librarian!

Friends of **Mrs. Mabel T. Miller,** Helena, were saddened by the death of her husband, Joseph Miller, in August. His death was caused by a throat ailment from which he had suffered several months. Those who had the privilege of knowing Joe will remember him as a charming and delightful person. Our sincerest sympathy goes out to Mabel.

Robert E. Fischer is the new head of the Acquisitions Department, Montana State University Library. Mr. Fischer is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and of the School of Library Science, Western Reserve University. Before coming to Missoula he was employed in the library of the University of Minnesota, Duluth Branch.

Helen C. McLaury has been appointed librarian at the Montana State University Law School. Miss McLaury took her undergraduate work at Western Michigan College of Education, Kalamazoo, her library training at Columbia University, and her law degree at Northwestern University. Her experience has included work in the libraries of Columbia University, Princeton University, Temple University and the Northwestern University School of Law.

Mrs. Gunther Bonnin has accepted a position as assistant in the Reference Department at Montana State University Library. Mrs. Bonnin is a graduate of the University of Queensland, Australia, and the Public Library School of New South Wales. She has had experience in the libraries of the University of Queensland, Stanford University and the University of Chicago.

Mrs. Jake Mast, Bozeman, is the newest member of the State Library Extension Commission. She was appointed by Governor Aronson to succeed **Mrs. Isabel Rilla Sattler,** Glendive, resigned. The term ends May 22, 1954.

Mrs. Fred Garlepy gave a talk on the Public Library at the October meeting of the St. Ignatius Woman's Club. Members voted a gift of $25 to the library.

The Veterans Administration Library at Fort Harrison has been moved to new quarters in the hospital building, according to word received from **Mrs. Martha A. Hassell,** librarian. The new location is a great convenience to the patients, and use of the library has increased tremendously as a result.

Mrs. Frances Dufraine is now librarian of the Great Falls Air Force Base Library, having resigned her position in the Great Falls Public Library. She replaces **Barbara M. Myers,** resigned.

Inez Ratekin, president of the Montana Federation of Women's Clubs, participated in the dedication of the new Women's Center at Montana State University on Sept. 23.

The Great Falls Public Library is being remodeled and repaired. New steps, doors and other improvements at the

main entrance will make the building more inviting and provide space for attractive displays. Remodeling in the basement will provide adequate working space for the staff and a large room which can be used for meetings and story hours. . . . The library is participating in a series of experimental discussion programs —"Ways of Mankind"—under the Adult Education Program financed by the Ford Foundation. . . . **Mrs. Peg Hansen** is a new member of the Great Falls Public Library staff.

The Bookmobile is rolling again in Stillwater County, according to acting librarian, **Mrs. Helen Prichard.**

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RURAL READING PROGRAM

The Rural reading Program got under way with the issuing of the third booklist in October. Distribution is being made chiefly through Home Demonstration and County Agents. Librarians are urged to stock the titles on this and previous lists. The books have been thoughtfully selected, with due regard to the reading interests of all age groups, by people who have actually read and enjoyed them.

In connection with the Rural Reading Program, the MONTANA FARMER-STOCKMAN is featuring a column in its first-of-the-month issues on books and reading, beginning with the September 1st issue. The column appears under the heading, "Let's Look At . . ." Some books will be discussed which do not appear on the booklists, and in order that libraries may be prepared for demands for these titles, we are listing them below:

Peterson, Roger T.—Field guide to western birds....Houghton

Pearson, Thomas G.—Birds of America.....Garden City

Zim, Herbert S.—Birds .....Simon

Saunders, Aretas A.—Guide to bird songs.....Doubleday

Michener, James A.—Voice of Asia.....Random

Fisher, Dorothea F. C.—Fair world for all.....Whittlesey

Roosevelt, Eleanor—Partners: the United Nations and youth .....Doubleday

United Nations. Dept. of Public Information—Garden we planted together....Whittlesey

Castro, Josue de—Geography of hunger.....Little

A.L.A. OFFICIAL VISITS MONTANA

Miss S. Janice Kee, Executive Secretary, Public Libraries Division of the American Library Association, included a visit to Montana on her tour of the Pacific Northwest states in September. She spent one day in Havre where she attended a meeting of the Hill County Friends of the Library and spoke to the group on the subject of good library service.

The following day was spent in Great Falls where Miss Kee conferred with members of the State Library Extension Commission, and the Legislative, Executive and Library Development committees of the Montana State Library Association. The problems presently confronting Montana librarians and ways to develop better library service throughout the state were discussed.

Miss Kee spoke at a luncheon attended by the librarians representing the Montana State Library Association and the State Library Extension Commission, trustees and staff members of the Great Falls Public and County libraries, and library friends. The subject of her address was "The Potentialities for Library Service in Montana." Miss Kee stated that expansion of library service has been hindered by lack of understanding of the potential of libraries. She gave the following factors which contribute to development of good libraries: dedication to furthering self-education of adults; Friends of the Library organizations; planning on local, state and national levels; effective library legislation; library education; cooperation; strong library associations. "The tax-supported library is a venture in cooperation," Miss Kee explained. "The library is for everybody. It is a clearing house of information and a deposit of materials. It is in the unique position to serve all the people of a community, regardless of race, color, religion, status or income."

Following the luncheon a short meeting of the Library Development Committee was held. As its activity for the year, the committee decided to make a survey of the state to discover what areas are without library service, the extent of county library coverage, and the adequacy of library service to children. The committee plans to report its findings and make recommendations at the 1954 meeting of the State Library Association.

Meeting with Miss Kee in Great Falls were: Mrs. R. L. Ewing, Lesley Heathcote, Kathleen Campbell, Amy Wold, Ann Whitmack, Mrs. Amy Patterson, Mrs. K. Elizabeth Pittman, Mrs. Ruth Longworth, Mrs. Mary Antunes, Mrs. Marjorie Moores, Mrs. Mabel Miller, Lucille Simpson, and Ellen Torgrimson.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

The Children's Bureau of the Federal Security Administration is appealing to librarians to cooperate in a nation-wide campaign against juvenile delinquency. The aim of the campaign is to stimulate communities to further their programs of prevention and to strengthen those agencies which bear the major responsibility for treating delinquent children. Goals to work for in the prevention of delinquency are better schools, good parent-child relationships, economically secure home life, more ample provision for health and recreation, and other community services to children. With books, pamphlets, magazine articles, films, discussion groups, and the like, librarians can add immeasurably to public interest in and understanding of the problem. The American Library Association is one of the groups participating in the campaign, and librarians may obtain bibliographies, leaflets and other materials from A.L.A. headquarters.

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P.N.L.A.

Fifteen Montana librarians attended the P.N.L.A. Conference at Sun Valley Sept. 9-11—Ann Whitmack, Lucille Simpson, Alma Jacobs, Martha Hassell, Ruth Longworth, Natalie Sliepcevich, Marjorie and Merwin Moores, Catherine White, Kathleen Campbell, Lesley Heathcote, Margaret Hileman, Lucile Speer, Marguerita McDonald and Ellen Torgrimson. Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Gillespie, representing the Americana Corporation, were there from Libby. Participating in the program were Lesley Heathcote, Ann Whitmack, Martha Hassell, Lucile Speer, Marjorie Moores and Kathleen Campbell.

A.L.A. was represented at the conference by Flora Bell Ludington, A.L.A. President, who gave an address, "Our Common Interests and Purposes," at the banquet; and by S. Janice Kee, Executive Secretary, Public Libraries Division, who spoke at the meeting of the Public Libraries Division.

P.N.L.A. was honored by the presence at the banquet of Governor Len Jordan who welcomed the librarians to Idaho. Another highlight was an address by the well-known author, Forrester Blake, who spoke on "The Writer's Problems and the Western Librarian."

Officers for 1953-1954 are:

President—**Willard E. Ireland,** Provincial Library and Archives, Victoria, B. C.

First Vice-president and President-elect—**Eva Santee,** Fort Vancouver Regional Library, Vancouver, Washington.

Second Vice-president—**Louise G. Prichard,** Library Association of Portland.

Treasurer—**Marguerite E. Putnam,** University of Washington Library, Seattle.

Montana is represented on the Board of Directors by **Lucille Simposn,** Great Falls; on the Board of Managers of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center by **Ann Whitmack,** Billings.

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MONTANA BOOKS AND AUTHORS

Athearn, Robert G.—Westward the Briton	Scribner's	$4.50
Boesch, Mark J.—Lawless land	Winston	1.50
Dimsdale, Thomas J.—Vigilantes of Montana	U. of Okla.	2.00
Fox, Norman A.—Rawhide years	Dodd	2.50
Jackson, Charley T.—Buffalo wallow	Bobbs	3.00
Johnson, Dorothy M.—Indian country	Ballantine	2.00
Koch, Elers—High trail	Caxton	3.50
McCaig, Robert—Toll mountain	Dodd	2.50
Payne, Robert—Chieftain	Prentice	3.50
Scherf, Margaret—Dead: Senate office building	Doubleday	2.50
Stork, B. C.—Pioneer days in Montana	Pageant	2.50
Wolle, Muriel S.—Bonanza trail	Indiana U.	8.50

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AROUND THE STATE

Lucille Simpson resigned as librarian of the Great Falls Public Library, effective January 1, and returned to her home in Bisbee, North Dakota. Mrs. **Alma Jacobs** has been appointed acting librarian.

Word comes from Mrs. **Elizabeth Garber,** Evanston, of the death of Miss Clara M. Main, who was librarian of the Lewistown Public Library for 28 years. Since her retirement in 1941, Miss Main had lived in the King-Bruwaert House near Hinsdale, Illinois. Mrs. Garber visited her there last summer and reported that "at 87 she was alert, interested in everything and full of energy." During her library career Miss Main was active in the M.S.L.A.

Mrs. **Marjorie J. Moores** was appointed by the city council to serve on the Planning Commission for Havre which was established in November.

Mrs. **J. W. Quinn** reports that the Harlem Public Library has been moved to larger quarters in the Civic Center. Before reshelving the collection, Mrs. Quinn weeded out worn and obsolete books.

Mrs. Ruth L. Lund has resigned as librarian of the Sheridan County Library, Plentywood. She has accepted a position on the staff of the Fargo Public Library.

On October 24, **Inez Ratekin** became the bride of Robert Herrig in Libby. Mrs. Herrig has been Lincoln County Librarian since 1929 and is continuing this work for the present. Mr. Herrig is employed in the timber managerial department of the Kootenai National Forest.

Mrs. Leon Coombs reports that a remodeling project involving the adult department of the Glendive Public Library has been completed. New oak stacks, reading tables and chairs replaced the old furnishings. Modern lighting and an air conditioning unit were installed, and rubber tile flooring was laid. Woodwork was grained to match the blond oak finish of the furniture. A new charging desk, with Formica top in a shade of green to match the walls and floor, was built by the Billings Sash and Door Company. The whole effect is attractive and inviting.

Remodeling operations are still going forward at the Great Falls Public Library.

The architect's drawing of a proposed new library building for Whitefish shows a very attractive modern building. Interest in the project, which was touched off by an anonymous gift of $2500 a year ago, continues high. During the autumn the White-

fish Library Association staged a vigorous membership drive. Gifts of $300 from the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Railway Employees of the Great Northern Railway, $100 from Col. C. R. Dawley of Great Falls, and other donations, together with Association dues, have been added to the growing building fund. The Association is working closely with city officials in clearing the way for definite selection of a building site.

Jean Todd has returned to the staff of the Parmly Billings Memorial Library after an absence of several months. During the summer she studied music at the summer cultural center in Aspen, Colorado.

Add these titles to the list of books appearing in the "Let's Look At" column in the MONTANA FARMER-STOCKMAN:

Sullivan, What to cook for company
Nichols, Good home cooking across the U.S.A.
Lutes, Country kitchen
United Nations, World's favorite recipes
Wyss, Swiss family Robinson
Duff, Bequest of wings
Lippincott, Wahoo bobcat
Moody, Little Britches
American Heart Society, You and your heart
Miller, Community health action

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M.S.L.A.

Plans for the annual meeting of the State Library Association, May 3-4, in Helena, include a Legislative Workshop. Miss Janice Kee, Executive Secretary, Public Libraries Division, A.L.A., will be on hand to assist.

Members are asked to note proposed changes in the M.S.L.A. constitution to be brought before the convention:

1. Abolish "c" of Section 1, Article 5, which reads as follows:

   c. HISTORY. The chairman shall be custodian of the association's scrapbook and shall preserve in it all items pertaining to the activities and accomplishments of the association.

2. Change "b" of Section I, Article 5, from the present statement which reads:

   b. PUBLICITY. The publicity committee shall see that the association is represented in professional journals in

the library field and in news publications throughout the state.

to read:

b. PUBLICITY. The Publicity committee shall see that the association is represented in professional journals in the library field and in news publications throughout the state; collect and assemble examples of publicity to be deposited with the Montana State Library Extension Commission for circulation throughout the state, or for exhibit at Montana State Library Association meetings.

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A series of radio programs, designed to give Montanans new information on books and reading, has been released by the M.S.L.A. The programs have been prepared by librarians, teachers, faculty members from Montana State College and Montana State University, and other interested persons throughout the state. Radio stations in Kalispell, Bozeman, Great Falls, Missoula, Helena, Shelby and Miles City are using the tape recordings.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Copies of NORTHWEST BOOKS for sale.

Inland Empire Council of Teachers of English, **Northwest Books,** 1st Supplement, 1942/1947. Lincoln, University of Nebraska Press, 1949.

The first printed edition of NORTHWEST BOOKS appeared in 1942. "Though following the general plan of the 1942 edition as far as content is concerned, this supplement is an entirely new book. Two new and valuable features will immediately be recognized by older readers: the inclusion of British Columbia writing (the 1942 edition dealt only with Idaho, Montana, Oregon and Washington), and the inclusion of biographical data, though they are not nearly so complete as we would have liked to make them. Books now reviewed in the 1942 edition are listed in the author-title index. Another new feature is the special index according to literary form. Since this is the first time that British Columbia has been represented in NORTHWEST BOOKS, reviews of British Columbia books published prior to 1942 are included. . . ."

This supplement is available from the Library of Montana State University, Missoula, for 75¢.

The long awaited COUNTY AND REGIONAL LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT, by Gretchen Knief Schenk, was released by the A.L.A. on Jan. 2. Mrs. Schenk is an authority in extension work with a wide scope of grassroots experience. Her book discusses the administration and operation of county and regional libraries, the basis for large unit libraries, their place in the community and their relation to local government. She tells how to conduct campaigns for the establishment of these library systems and points out dangers to avoid based on past experience. The book contains excellent chapters on bookmobile and special services, personnel and public relations.

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Monday, March 8 is the date this year for the announcement of the Newbery-Caldecott Awards from the New York office of Mr. Frederic G. Melcher, donor of the medals. Tuesday, June 22 is the date for the Newbery-Caldecott banquet at which the awards will be presented in Minneapolis during the A.L.A. conference.

News of the awards will be available to newspapers through AP and UP releases on the afternoon of March 8. Please alert your newspapers concerning this coming news release. Additional information about the winners and their books will be carried in the following publications: A.L.A. BULLETIN, HORN BOOK, LIBRARY JOURNAL, NEW YORK HERALD TRIBUNE BOOK REVIEW, NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW, PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY, and TOP OF THE NEWS.

The announcement of the awards is one of the big events of the children's book year. The more publicity that can be given at the local level the greater will be the general interest. Here are some suggestions and ideas that have worked well:

Conducting a straw vote among children as to their choices. (See LIBRARY JOURNAL, July 1952, p. 1160).

Posters and exhibits calling attention to previous winners with blank space to be filled in on date of announcement.

Advance arrangements with radio stations for a program right after the announcement, i.e. an informal interview with a children's librarian.

Pictures in the newspapers of children with the prize-winning books, and, of course, pictures and news stories of any of the above activities.

Dutton-Macrae Award for Advanced Study

Information about the $1,000 E. P. Dutton-John Macrae Award for Advanced Study in the Field of Library Work with Children and Young People, and application forms may now be obtained from the chairman of the A.L.A. Committee on this award, Mrs. Frances L. Spain, New York Public Library. Open to all librarians concerned with children and young people through public, school and special libraries. Deadline for applying—March 15, 1954.

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Going on the assumption that the avowed educational objecitves of the American Public Library can only be achieved if the library acquires the important and significant books as they are published, a list of the "good" and "notable" books published in the last 20 years has been prepared for checking with public library catalogs. The list, containing 1,209 fiction and nonfiction titles, will be sent, in duplicate, to any public library able to devote approximately six hours checking time to the job. The duplicate copy may be retained by the checking library. For copies of the list, write to: Professor LeRoy C. Merritt, School of Librarianship, University of California, Berkeley 4.

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Attention Librarians! Have you a Woman's Club in your town? If so, you will want to have the new history of the woman's club movement: UNITY IN DIVERSITY, by Mildred White Wells. This book is a history of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, the largest women's organization in the world, embracing 11,000,000 members. Since its founding in 1890, the General Federation of Women's Clubs has made an impressive record in the fields of education, public welfare, health and conservation. The American Library Association credits women's clubs with establishing 85 per cent of all libraries in America today. By proving the effectiveness of women's organized efforts the General Federation of Women's Clubs "mothered" and motivated the banding together of women for many specific causes. The book may be ordered from General Federation Headquarters, 1734 N Street, N. W., Washington 6, D.C. Special library price: $4.00.

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The members of Beta Phi Mu, the graduate library science honorary fraternity, wish to offer membership in the fraternity

to all graduates of accredited library schools who meet the scholastic requirements for admission. These are:

(a) Graduation from a fifth-year professional library science degree course which at the time of graduation was accredited by the A.L.A.

(b) A scholastic average of not less than B+, or the equivalent, in the courses offered for the professional library science degree.

Anyone who believes he is eligible for admission and would be interested in being elected to membership in the fraternity should write to: Harold Lancour, Executive Secretary, Beta Phi Mu, University of Illinois Library School, Urbana, indicating his library school and date of receiving degree.

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P.N.L.A.

Montana's representative on the Library Supplies and Equipment Committee is **Doris Wilson.** She says, "Will you please be thinking about materials you have found useful and be ready to report them on the forms which you will receive soon. Remember that folks are interested in designs you dream up yourself. Be sure to include a simple draft, picture or diagram with your description. Your ideas and recommendations may be very useful to someone."

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Lesley M. Heathcote is filling out Lucille Simpson's term as Monatna's representative on the P.N.L.A. Board of Directors.

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A.I.A.

A Library Buildings Institute will be held in Saint Paul on June 19-20 preceding the A.L.A. conference in Minneapolis. The first day of the Institute will be devoted to the problems of all types of library buildings beginning with the early programming aspects through preliminary planning and working drawings. On the second day the group will be divided into three special institutes where the problems of public, college and school libraries will receive consideration. The Institute is being jointly sponsored by the A.L.A. Buildings Committee and the several Buildings Committees of A.L.A. Divisions. Registration and program information will be released soon.

The Public Libraries Division of the A.L.A. has issued a list of "Notable Books of 1953" which includes 52 titles. The list has been issued annually since 1944. Suggestions of titles for an original list came from 8 libraries from different parts of the country, and 84 libraries, by process of nomination and voting, participated in establishing the final selection.

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FEDERAL RELATIONS OFFICE

Library Services Bill. Bills introduced in the first session of the 83d Congress on which no action was taken are still active in the second session. Therefore, the Library Services bills are still pending and ready for Committee action. In the House Education and Labor Committees are thirteen bills: H.R. 3980, 3983, 3985, 3990, 4000, 4045, 3982, 3991, 4027, 4042, 255, 3379, 4124; while in the Senate there is one bill: S.1368. Montana's Senator Mike Mansfield is one of the sponsors of this bill.

Postal Rate Increase Bill. This bill, H.R. 6052, is due for immediate action by the House Post Office and Civil Service Committee. Indications are that the special rate on books will be retained.

Retirement Income Exemption Bill. H.R. 5180, the Mason Bill, provides that $125 a month of retirement income of all retired persons shall be nontaxable for federal income tax purposes and so seeks to provide equal tax treatment for all retired people. At present certain groups have exemptions whereas others do not. Most retired library employees are in the latter group. This bill is important to all persons now employed as it will affect the amount of federal income tax they will pay on their retirement income.

STATISTICS COVERING THE YEAR 1952-53 FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN MONTANA

Libraries failing to send reports have been omitted.
Blank spaces indicate incomplete information.

Library	Population Served	Year Estab.	Tax Levy (Mills)	Total Income	Per Capita Expend.	Total Vols.	Circulation	Librarian
ANACONDA								
Hearst Free	16,553	1895	.75(Co.)	7,885.00(Co.)				Florence E. Catlin
BELFRY								
Public	752		0.	415.00	.55	4,002	2,471	Mrs. R. E. Hall
BIG TIMBER								
Carnegie	1,679		3.	2,510.35	1.50	9,438	12,595	Mrs. O. A. Fallang
BILLINGS								
Parmly Billings Mem.	31,724	1901	2.7	58,412.34	1.84	56,058	194,679	Ann Whitmack
BOZEMAN								
Public	11,325	1885	3.	16,250.00	1.43	12,000	47,119	Margaret Hileman
BRIDGER								
Community	854					6,421	3,642	Mrs. C. I. Tomlinson
BUTTE								
Free Public	48,422	1890	.31(Co.)	9,724.00(Co.)				Mrs. Julia Leyden
CHESTER								
Liberty County	2,180	1947	2.	1,328.10	.61	3,152	4,514	Mrs. Lilly F. Eveland
CHINOOK								
Blaine County	2,307	1921	.575	4,126.41	1.79	19,561	24,161	Mrs. C. E. O'Brien
CHOTEAU								
Public	1,618	1916		545.00	.34	7,793	1,869	Mrs. Clara M. Roberts

Library	Population Served	Year Estab.	Tax Levy (Mills)	Total Income	Per Capita Expend.	Total Vols.	Circulation	Librarian
CIRCLE								
George McCone Mem. Co.	3,258	1929	.75	3,646.00	1.11	8,485	12,723	Mrs. Mabel F. Fillenworth
COLUMBUS								
Stillwater County	5,416	1928	1.	6,410.00	1.18	15,482	43,053	Mrs. Helen Prichard (Acting)
CULBERTSON								
Public	779		1.			2,314	2,501	Mrs. Kathryn Garbe
CUTBANK								
Glacier County	9,645	1944	2.	24,506.00	2.54	24,480	101,438	Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth
DEER LODGE								
Wm. K. Kohrs Mem.	3,779	1903						Mrs. Marion MacCalman
DILLON								
Public	3,268	1896	3.	3,600.00	1.10	17,769		Mary L. Innes
FAIRFIELD								
Public	693			311.50	.45	2,396	1,440	Mrs. Margaret Hedblom
FAIRVIEW								
High School	942			2,705.00	2.20	2,435	4,126	Mrs. Bessie Johnson
FORSYTH								
Rosebud Co. Free	6,570	1920	.5	4,010.00	.61	12,644	10,400	Mrs. Cecille Winzeler
FORT BENTON								
Chouteau Co. Free	6,974	1915	1.	13,239.29	1.90	22,147	22,100	Mildred England
GLASGOW								
Carnegie City-Co.	11,353	1906	2.5	8,676.81	.76	23,033	31,520	Mrs. R. L. Ewing
GLENDIVE								
Public	5,254	1915	3.	8,350.00	1.59	9,590	20,228	Mrs. Leon Coombs

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GREAT FALLS								
Public	39,214	1892	3.5	76,914.85	1.96	68,750	288,832	Lucille H. Simpson
Cascade Co. Free	13,813	1943	.54	12,591.00	.91	19,963	51,034	Mrs. Amy A. Patterson
HARDIN								
Big Horn County	9,824	1918	.5	9,892.50	1.01	19,626	56,957	Mrs. Laura M. Carter
HARLEM								
Public	1,107		2.	1,408.33	1.27	6,222	4,717	Mrs. J. W. Quinn
HARLOWTON								
Public	1,733	1921		1,020.00	.59	6,822	10,846	Georgia R. James
HAVRE								
Public	8,086	1904	1.9	8,023.00	.99	15,246	20,444	Mrs. Mary Antunes
Hill County Rural	6,199	1948	.6	4,900.00	.79	7,512	28,326	Mrs. Marjorie J. Moores
HELENA								
Public	17,581	1886	1.8	18,338.43	1.04	72,838	64,708	Mrs. Mabel T. Miller
JORDAN								
Garfield Co. Free	2,172	1948	.5	1,600.00	.74	1,647	4,077	Mrs. Doris M. Mart
KALISPELL								
Carnegie City	9,737	1903	3.2	15,797.50	1.62	21,770	56,968	Jeane Lewis
Flathead Co. Free	18,490	1943	.92	12,015.00	.65	18,114	82,875	Mrs. Cornelia Sherman
LAUREL								
Public	3,663	1917	2.5	3,500.00	.96	8,125	20,404	Frances Fenton
LEWISTOWN								
Carnegie Public	6,573	1901	2.73	9,415.00	1.43	13,861	51,423	Mrs. K. Elizabeth Pittman
LIBBY								
Lincoln Co. Free	8,693		2.	13,924.00	1.60	18,945	78,142	Mrs. Robert Herrig

Library	Population Served	Year Estab.	Tax Levy (Mills)	Total Income	Per Capita Expend.	Total Vols.	Circulation	Librarian
LIVINGSTON								
Public	7,683	1901	2.21	13,610.38	1.77	15,608	73,042	Mrs. Helen Ross
MALTA								
Phillips Co. Free	6,334	1918		3,393.07	.54	10,048	13,878	Mrs. Eunice O. Ward
MILES CITY								
Carnegie Public	9,243	1902	2.5	10,850.00	1.17	16,845	37,326	Mrs. Clare M. Smith
MISSOULA								
Public and	35,493	1894	2.25	28,141.14	.79			
County		1916	.75	6,820.76	.96	71,744	153,857	Evelyn Swant
PHILIPSBURG								
Free	1,048	1912		300.00	.29	2,800	140	Mrs. Frances Harrington
PLAINS								
Public	714	1920	2.	654.79	.92	4,129	5,281	Mrs. F. S. Burdick
PLENTYWOOD								
Sheridan Co. Free	6,674	1919	.5	4,479.22	.67	8,257	13,221	Mrs. Ruth L. Lund
POLSON								
City	2,280		1.75	2,046.00	.89	7,399	20,713	Mrs. Mabel Miller
RED LODGE								
Carnegie	2,730		2.	2,505.00	.92	8,147	15,139	Mrs. Marian E. Adams
ROUNDUP								
Public	5,408	1931	1.5	1,485.00	.27	4,938	11,947	Mrs. Gertrude Cooper
SCOBEY								
Daniels Co. Free	3,946	1947	.27	1,080.00	.27	4,034	4,453	Mrs. Marie Brudie
SHELBY								
Toole Co. Free	6,867	1947	1.	5,600.00	.82	14,352	38,224	Mrs. W. M. Black

Library	Population Served	Year Estab.	Tax Levy (Mills)	Total Income	Per Capita Expend.	Total Vols.	Circulation	Librarian
SIDNEY								
Public	3,987	1914	2.5	4,478.90	1.12	8,303	21,141	Mrs. Sarah T. Kittleson
STANFORD								
Judith Basin Co.	3,200	1946	.6652	4,650.00	1.45	8,620	21,824	Mrs. Elva R. Wineman
STEVENSVILLE								
Public	772			537.99	.70	2,820	3,349	Mrs. H. E. Coolidge
SUPERIOR								
Mineral Co. Public	2,081	1936	.56	1,677.90	.80	5,495	10,161	Mrs. Grace A. Hodgins
TERRY								
Public	2,377	1944	.5	1,947.00	.82	5,422	10,431	Mrs. Wm. L. Ganson
TOWNSEND								
Broadwater Co.	2,922	1935	.35	1,493.37	.51	4,804	18,361	Mrs. Florence Muzzy
VIRGINIA CITY								
Thompson-Hickman								
County Free	5,998	1918		1,807.43	.30	6,877	3,806	Mrs. Florence Thomas
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS								
Meagher Co. Public	1,025	1938	1.5	1,037.33	1.01	6,605	4,476	Mrs. L. E. Dunkel
WHITEFISH								
Public	3,268	1925		2,936.20	.90	8,376	18,136	Mrs. Mable Engelter
WOLFPOINT								
Roosevelt Co.	9,580	1950	.67	5,934.61	.62	20,488	20,418	Mrs. Berenice A. Hanson

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STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

1951-1953 Biennial Report to the Governor

The State Library Extension Commission was created by the State Legislature in 1929, but not until 1945 was any money appropriated so that it could function. Its first biennial budget provided $20,000, which has since been increased to a little over $30,000—a modest sum indeed when one considers the big job the Library Commission is expected to do. Statistics show that out of Montana's population of 591,024 persons, twenty per cent have no library service on the local level, and another thirty-six per cent have sub-standard or part-time service. To supply library service to this segment of the population is the responsibility of the Library Commission, yet its budget compares unfavorably with those of the larger cities in the state:

City	Population	Annual Income
Great Falls	39,214	$76,914
Billings	31,724	58,412
Butte	33,251	27,837
Missoula	22,485	28,141
Helena	17,581	18,338
Bozeman	11,325	16,250
Kalispell	9,737	15,797

According to statistics available for the 1952-1953 fiscal year, expenditures for public library service in Montana totalled $479,495, or $.81 per capita. This is far below the American Library Association's standard of $1.50 per capita for minimum or limited service, $2.00 per capita for reasonably good service, and $3,00 per capita for superior service.

From the beginning, the State Library Extension Commission's chief concern has been to build up a collection of books to circulate throughout the state, supplementing the library resources of schools and public libraries and bringing direct service to individuals in those areas where no local library service is available. Our policy has been to fill the book needs of Montana citizens to the best of our ability and resources as speedily as possible; but with our small staff it becomes increasingly difficult to maintain our record of prompt service. Although the Commission has had insufficient funds to carry on an effective publicity program, demands for its services show a steady increase each year, and patrons express their appreciation in enthusiastic terms. Each book sent out is selected to fit the individual need of the borrower.

Books are shipped by mail in packages of one to fifty books, with no limitation as to number. Loans to schools and libraries are made for three months, to individuals for one month, with no cost to the borrower except return postage. It is difficult to present a true picture of the Commission's book circulation. Although schools and libraries are encouraged to record circula-

tion on the book cards, only a few do so. Based on the number of books sent out from headquarters, plus the records kept by a small proportion of borrowers, circulation figures for the 1951-1953 biennium total 81,807. Renewals are not included in these circulation records. The special postal rates for shipment of books to and from libraries makes "Books by Mail" service very reasonable. The Commission hopes that revision of postal rates now under consideration in Congress will not affect the book rate.

The State Library Extension Commission is grateful to Montana State University for providing free office space in the Library building. It is indebted to the Montana State University Library, the Missoula Public Library, and other libraries in the state and in the Northwest for generous interlibrary loan privileges, which have made it possible to supply almost every book requested by Montana citizens. Five hundred interlibrary loans were negotiated during the 1952-1953 fiscal year. Our thanks also to the Extension Service and other staff members at Montana State College for their cooperation in promoting the Rural Reading Program which was inaugurated in October 1952. The excellent annotated booklists and the "Let's Look At" column in the MONTANA FARMER-STOCKMAN are invaluable publicity.

During the biennium, the Secretary visited libraries in Virginia City, Sula, Darby, Stevensville, Butte, Wisdom, Bozeman, Laurel, Columbus, Circle, Forsyth, Glendive, Terry, Billings, Hardin, Kalispell, Whitefish, Great Falls, Havre, Chinook, Fort Benton, Chester; attended Montana State Library Association meetings in Sidney (1952) and Missoula (1953); Pacific Northwest Library Association conferences in Victoria, B.C. (1952) and Sun Valley, Idaho (1953); American Library Association conferences in New York (1952) and Los Angeles (1953); the Workshop Tour of Larger Units of Library Service in Upper New York State; the 1953 Home Demonstration Council and County Extension Conference in Bozeman; the State Reading Council in Helena (1951). Five meetings of the State Library Extension Commission were held during the 1951-1953 biennium, one in conjunction with the annual meeting of the State Library Association in Missoula.

Summary of Travel Expenditures

	Transportation	Subsistence	Total
Ellen Torgrimson	$361.38	$447.91	$809.19
Kathleen Campbell	114.46	113.47	227.53
Margaret Fulmer			46.10
Mrs. Leo C. Graybill			40.77
Mrs. John B. Fraser			82.38
Mrs. Isabel Sattler			52.35

Financial Report 1951-1953

		1951-1952	1952-1953	Balance
643-1	Salary of Secretary	$3,499.92	$3,499.92	$ .16
2	Salary of Assistants ..	4,514.15	4,814.62	271.23
3	Books	3,983.51	4,016.17	.42
4	Clerical workers	494.76	501.30	3.94
6	Travel	614.37	583.05	342.58
7	P.E.R.S.	264.25	249.37	42.50
8	Furniture & equipment		500.00	0.00
9	Office supplies & expense	490.25	705.00	.35

It was necessary to ask the 1953 Legislature for supplemental appropriations: $132.12 to cover P.E.R.S. payments; $2.91 for an Industrial Accident Board claim for the previous year which had been submitted late; $195.60 for Office Supplies and Expense. A net balance of $330.55 was turned back to the General Fund. This is no indication that the appropriation was larger than necessary. The balance in the salaries fund was due to the fact that one staff member could work only half time. The balance in the travel fund was due to the fact that pressure of work at headquarters made it impossible for the Secretary to carry on the customary field work, pointing up the need for a Field Assistant.

The State Library Extension Commission is composed of three members appointed by the Governor for three year terms, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Librarian of Montana State University, who is designated as chairman. Appointive members of the Commission are: Mrs. Leo C. Graybill, Great Falls; Mrs. R. L. Ewing, Glasgow; Mrs. J. B. Mast, Bozeman. Kathleen Campbell, chairman, and Mary M. Condon are the ex-officio members. Former Commission members have included: Mrs. Norman Ackley, the late Mrs. W. T. Perham, Mrs. R. C. Dillavou, Margaret Fulmer, Mrs. D. C. Warren, Mrs. Peter Sattler, and Mrs. John B. Fraser.

The headquarters staff consists of Ellen Torgrimson, secretary; Isabel Gopian and Mrs. Florena I. Vinal (half time), Assistants; and several part-time clerical workers.

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GOING TO CONVENTION?

The 1954 Annual Meeting of the State Library Association will be held in Helena, May 2-4. We hope it will be possible for all librarians in the state to attend. If you are the sole member on your library staff, try to get a substitute to cover your schedule. Otherwise, put a sign on the front door and close up shop for two days. Both you and your public will be benefited by the stimulation of meeting with your colleagues. Mrs. Mabel T. Miller is chairman of the local committee.

A highlight of the convention will be the Legislative Workshop to be held on Monday afternoon, May 3. Miss Janice Kee, Executive Secretary, Public Libraries Division, A.L.A., will be with us as consultant. Others assisting with the workshop will be: Edmond G. Toomey, member of the Helena Public Library Board and former State Legislator; Henry Rolfes, Helena City Manager; and from our own membership: Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth, Cut Bank; Mrs. Marjorie J. Moores, Havre; Mrs. Leon Coombs, Glendive; and Mrs. Tom Pittman, Lewistown.

Tuesday morning's session will be a follow-up on the Legislative Workshop, followed by a "Help Wanted" session, at which our resource people will be Margaret Hileman, Mrs. Alma Jacobs, Walter J. McGuire and Ann Whitmack.

A special meeting for school librarians will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday at the Helena High School Library. There will be informal discussion and visits to the Central School and Cathedral High School libraries. Public librarians are urged to come to this meeting also.

Ralph Henry, who writes under the pen name Eric Thane, will speak at the Monday noon luncheon on the subject, "Treasure State—Montana." Rita McDonald will speak at the luncheon Tuesday noon. Her topic will be "Montana librarians and the State Historical Society." Both luncheons will be at the Placer Hotel. The banquet on Monday evening will be at the Montana Club. There will be no speaker, but a group of Carroll College students will entertain. Later the librarians will visit the Bray Foundation to see a pottery demonstration by Pete Voulkos and Rudy Autio.

Routine business will occupy the Association on Monday morning. At this session John Sasek, Executive Secretary, Public Employees Retirement System, will be on hand to explain the operation of his agency and answer questions.

The Placer Hotel will be headquarters and most of the meetings will be held there. The final meeting on Tuesday afternoon will be at the Historical Society library, and there will be a tour of the building, followed by a tea at Carroll College. There will be an opportunity on Sunday afternoon to visit the Veterans Administration Hospital Library.

Other convenient hotels are the Harvey and Martha. Motel accommodations are also available. **Do plan to come to Helena, May 2-4.**

M.S.L.A. officers: Lesley M. Heathcote, president and P.N.L.A. representative; Mrs. K. Elizabeth Pittman, vice president and president-elect; Mrs. Helen M. Ewing, secretary; Inez M. Haskins, treasurer; Ann Whitmack, A.L.A. councilor.

AROUND THE STATE

We regret that in our January issue, Glendive was omitted from the list of radio stations cooperating in the broadcast of the series of tape recordings on Books and Reading.

Mildred England has taken a three-months leave from her position as Chouteau County Librarian for a tour of Europe. During her absence Margie Ann Crawford Camm is acting librarian.

Robert Fischer, Acquisitions Librarian at Montana State University, was married on April 10 to Anne Rosberg at San Bernardino, California.

Great Falls Public Library reports that the remodeling of the front entrance and downstairs workroom is completed. The entrance has terrazzo steps, modernistic lighting, new shelving and display cases. The first exhibit displayed in the new cases marked "50 Years of Library Service to the Community—1903-1953" and featured the minutes of the first meeting of the Valeria Library and Art Association, June 28, 1889, old photographs of the first librarian, interiors of the Valeria Library building, and the new Carnegie library when it was completed.

The workroom, with its open spaces and cheery colors of canary yellow and Swedish red, offers a welcome contrast to the former somewhat dingy quarters. There are generous areas for office space and equipment, for repair of books, and a meeting place for small discussion groups and children's story hour. Another improvement is an electric water cooler.

The Woman's Civic League of Polson is sponsoring an addition to the Public Library building, which will add a book room and relieve the crowded condition of the present quarters.

The Montana Historical Society has started publication of a series of low cost pamphlets. The first two, which are now available, deal with the Rocky Boy Indians and the life of Charles M. Russell.

New titles discussed in the MONTANA FARMER-STOCKMAN "Let's Look At" column are:

Hopkins, Giles E.—Wool as an apparel fiber.....Rinehart
King, Eleanore—Glorify yourself .....Prentice
Free, Montague—All about African violets .....Doubleday
Free, Montague—All about house plants.....Doubleday

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AWARDS

The announcement of the Newbery-Caldecott Awards was made on Monday, March 8, from the office of Mr. Frederic Melcher, donor of the medals. Virginia Haviland, Chairman of the Newbery-Caldecott Committee presented the medals to

the winners. The official presentation will take place at the Newbery-Caldecott Dinner to be held at the Hotel Nicollet in Minneapolis during A.L.A., June 22, 1954.

NEWBERY AWARD (33rd Annual Award)

The Winner

Joseph Krumgold— . . . and now Miguel.....Crowell

Runners-up

Clare H. Bishop—All Alone .....Viking
Meindert Dejong—Shadrach .....Harper
Meindert Dejong—Hurry Home, Candy .....Harper
Clara J. Judson—Theodore Roosevelt, Fighting Patriot .....Wilcox
Mary Buff—Magic Maize .....Houghton

CALDECOTT AWARD (17th Annual Award)

The Winner

Ludwig Bemelmans—Madeline's Rescue .....Viking

Runners-up

Robert McCloskey—Journey Cake, Ho! .....Viking
Jean Charlot, illus.—When Will the World Be Mine .....William R. Scott
Marcia Brown, illus.—Steadfast Tin Soldier.....Scribner
Maurice Sendak, illus.—A Very Special House.....Harper
Abe Birnbaum—Green Eyes .....Capitol

In recognition of her great contribution to children's literature an award will be given to LAURA INGALLS WILDER by the Children's Library Association at the American Library Association Conference in Minneapolis.

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HALSEY W. WILSON DIES AT 85

Halsey W. Wilson, beloved founder of The H. W. Wilson Company of New York, died peacefully in his sleep on Monday morning, March 1, 1954, at his home in Croton Heights, Westchester County, New York, after an illness of several months. Funeral services at North Presbyterian Church, 525 West 155th Street, New York, on March 3, were attended by hundreds of Wilson staff members, librarians, publishers, and other friends.

Internationally renowned as a bibliographer, Halsey William Wilson was the founder and Chairman of the Board of the world's largest reference publishing house, the 56-year-old H. W. Wilson Company of New York, publishers of more than 20 major indexing and reference services acclaimed as indispensabel to research and scholarship in libraries the world over. Best known, perhaps, of the Company's publications, are the CUMULATIVE BOOK INDEX and the READERS' GUIDE TO PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

GREAT BOOKS FOUNDATION

Fifteen to twenty-five adults seated around a circle of tables discussing a book that deals with basic issues which citizens of our democracy face, basic issues which they meet in their day-to-day associations—that is a picture of a Great Books discussion group in action. Meeting together for two hours every two weeks to discuss a great book which all have read in advance, Great Books participants explore the book, the ideas with which it deals, and test their opinions against those held by others in the group. The leaders—two for each group—do not lecture, do not tell the participants what to think; they ask questions to keep active, informal discussion going; they try to question in such a way that each discussant will have to think for himself.

The Great Books Foundation, a non-profit corporation supported by the Fund for Adult Education, exists to help libraries and interested individuals organize discussion groups in their communities. By providing explanatory literature, instructional materials for the leaders, a monthly paper for participants (all free), inexpensive reprints of the readings, and other means, the Foundation cooperates with local sponsors to establish and maintain Great Books groups. Complete information on services offered by the Foundation may be obtained from: Mr. Dee C. Ferguson, The Great Books Foundation, Seattle Public Library, Seattle 4, Washington.

There is no fee connected with the Great Books program; groups are open to all adults who want to read and discuss worthwhile books. The only expense one might incur would be in connection with obtaining readings.

Librarians who would like to see a Great Books discussion group in their communities this fall should notify interested patrons about a special Leader Training Institute which will be held in California on the Monterey Peninsula at Asilomar from July 17 to 24.

The Institute is open to all adults who want to lead discussion groups and it is intended primarily for persons from smaller cities and rural areas where the Foundation has not conducted leader courses.

Included in the course will be discussion of **The Declaration of Independence,** and works by Plato, Aristotle, and Shakespeare; opportunity to practice leading under critical guidance; intensive training in the techniques of leading round-table discussions. Also, the Institute schedule will allow time for participants to enjoy the scenery and recreational facilities of the beautiful Monterey Peninsula.

The total fee is twenty dollars for lodging, meals, and materials for the course.

All inquiries about the Institute should go to: Great Books Foundation, 630 West Fifth Street, Los Angeles 17, California.

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MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 41st Annual Meeting

The 41st annual meeting of the Montana State Library Association was held in Helena, May 3-4. Pre-convention activities on Sunday included meetings of school librarians and the State Library Extension Commission, visits to the Central School, Cathedral High School and the Veterans Administration Hospital libraries, and an open house and tea at the Helena Public Library.

The first session was called to order on Monday, May 3d, at 9:00 a.m., in the Placer Hotel by President Lesley M. Heathcote. The Reverend Edwin Jorstad gave the invocation. Mayor Otto Brackman extended a welcome, to which Miss Heathcote responded.

Miss Heathcote introduced Willard Ireland, President of the Pacific Northwest Library Association, and Miss S. Janice Kee, Executive Secretary, Public Libraries Division, A.L.A. Messages of greeting from A.L.A. President Flora B. Ludington, Mrs. Emlyn Benson, Ann Whitmack and Frank Murray were read. A letter from Miss Ludington, urging endorsement of the appointment of L. Quincy Mumford as Librarian of Congress, was read.

The president's report was presented by Miss Heathcote. She stated that library publicity had been emphasized during the year through the medium of newspapers, a book column in the MONTANA FARMER-STOCKMAN, and a series of radio programs presented on radio stations throughout the state. She stated that she had made a tour through Eastern Montana visiting public libraries, which had given her a better understanding of their problems.

The reading of committee reports was dispensed with, since mimeographed copies had been distributed.

Miss Campbell presented a recommendation on behalf of Chairman Catherine White of the Montana Authors Committee. She moved that the present committee be discharged; the motion carried. Miss Campbell then moved that the same committee be reappointed with the chairman to be designated by the Executive Board; the motion carried.

Miss Campbell reported on a special meeting which she attended on Feb. 1st, preceding the A.L.A. Midwinter conference in Chicago. The meeting had been called to discuss plans for submitting a proposal to the Council of State Governments that its Drafting Committee of State Officials formulate suggested library legislation in line with the policy of making state laws more uniform. In attendance at the meeting were representatives of the A.L.A. committees which are concerned with legislation, heads of State Library Extension Agencies, and members

of the National Association of State Libraries. Miss Campbell represented Montana. The group voted that a committee be appointed, representing the various groups present at the meeting, to draft a statement regarding desired library legislation, and that Executive Secretary Clift be instructed to bring the matter before the A.L.A. Executive Board.

Mrs. Coombs, Chairman of the Committee on the Constitution and Manual of Procedure, moved that Article V, Section 1.c, of the By-laws, establishing a History Committee, be abolished, and that Article V, Section 1.b, be changed to read: "Publicity. The Publicity Committee shall see that the Association is represented in professional journals in the library field and in news publications throughout the state; collect and assemble examples of publicity to be deposited with the State Library Extension Commission for circulation throughout the state, or for exhibit at the Montana State Library Association meetings." The motion carried.

Due to the resignation of Mrs. K. Elizabeth Pittman, the office of vice-president and president-elect was declared vacant. Miss Campbell moved that a committee be appointed to select a nominee for this office; the motion carried. The president appointed Mrs. Coombs and Mrs. Patterson.

Invitations to hold the 1955 meeting in Kalispell, Butte, Billings and Miles City were presented.

Miss Haskins presented the treasurer's report. She stated that the M.S.L.A. has three Life Memberships, totalling $60.00. She suggested that Life Membership dues be kept in a separate fund. She moved that $75.00 be taken from the treasury to purchase a $100.00 U. S. Savings Bond; the motion carried.

Miss Heathcote reported on Montana membership in P.N.L.A., Miss McDonald on membership in A.L.A. Montana librarians were urged to join these professional organizations.

The president suggested that the M.S.L.A. establish a Scholarship Fund, a scholarship to be granted each year to a Montana student enrolling in an accredited library school, with the understanding that he or she return to Montana for a specified term of service following graduation. The proposal was referred to the new Executive Board for consideration.

Miss Campbell reported for Miss White, Chairman of the P.N.L.A. Bibliography Committee. She requested that Montana librarians send in lists of books published in their areas. Mrs. Jacobs reported that the GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE has microfilmed its card index. The incoming president was requested to investigate the possibility of securing copies of this index.

Miss Haskins reported that nine school librarians had attended the meeting on Sunday afternoon, indicating that they

would be interested in attending M.S.L.A. meetings if held at a more convenient time. She moved that the association By-laws be held in abeyance in 1955 to permit holding of the annual meeting on the first Friday, Saturday and Sunday in May; the motion carried.

Miss Torgrimson, Federal Coordinator, reported that the 1954 A.L.A. Conference would be held in Minneapolis, June 21-25. She urged Montana librarians to attend. She stated that the principal bills affecting libraries, which had been under consideration by Congress during the year, were the Postal Bill, the Library Services Bill and the bill exempting retirement income from income tax. She reported that the postal rate on library books was left unchanged; that action had not yet been taken on the Retirement Income Exemption Bill; and that the Library Services Bill would not be pushed until the Commission on Inter-governmental Relations had completed its work.

The president proposed that Minutes of the M.S.L.A. annual meeting be printed in MONTANA LIBRARIES; the approximate cost would be $25-$30. Mrs. Herrig so moved; the motion carried.

The secretary reported that the mail vote on amendments to the Constitution and By-laws was 42 to 1 in favor of the amendments. Mr. Moores suggested that new issues of the Constitution and By-laws, incorporating amendments, should be dated in order to avoid confusion as to which is the most recent version.

Mr. Sasek, Executive Secretary, Public Employees Retirement System, explained retirement and death benefits under the system and answered questions. He stated that the benefits and protection more than compensate for the fact that employees who withdraw from the system after less than ten years of service forfeit ten percent of their deposits.

Mrs. Ekegren announced the organization of a library, for patients and the professional staff, at Montana State Hospital, Warm Springs. She stated that donations of books and small library equipment would be appreciated, since funds for library purposes were limited. She urged support of the bond issue for the State Hospital to be voted on in the general election in November.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon in the Roundup Room. Mrs. Ruth Longworth presided and introduced the speaker, Ralph C. Henry. The title of his address was: "Treasure State—Montana."

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The afternoon session opened at two o'clock with Mrs. Ewing presiding. She introduced the Legislative Workshop

panel: Janice Kee, Executive Secretary, Public Libraries Division, A.L.A. Edmund G. Toomey, member of the Helena Public Library Board; Henry Rolfes, Helena City Manager; Mrs. Leon Coombs, Glendive Public Library; Mrs. Marjorie Moores, Hill County Rural Library; and Mrs. Ruth Longworth, Glacier County Library. Miss Kee, acting as moderator, called upon each panel member to make a brief statement in regard to Montana's library needs and what could be done about them. Points brought out in the discussion were: that Montana has good library laws; that many counties and cities are not levying the full millage tax permitted by law for support of libraries; that a statewide Friends of the Library group should be organized to assume leadership in promoting better library service and in securing passage of library legislation; that a more adequate budget should be secured for the Library Commission; that at least one Field Librarian should be added to the Commission staff; and that bookmobiles for demonstration purposes would have effective publicity value. Everyone present was asked to submit names of people to be invited to join a Friends of the Library organization.

The meeting adjourned.

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Father James R. White presided at the convention banquet which was held at the Montana Club. The Reverend Charles A. Wilson gave the invocation. A group of Carroll College students provided musical entertainment. A demonstration of pottery making was presented by Pete Voulkos and Rudy Autio. Afterward there was an opportunity to visit the Bray Foundation where the two young men work and teach.

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On Tuesday, May 4th, the meeting was called to order by the president at 9:00 a.m. in the Placer Hotel.

Miss Heathcote reported briefly on the Rural Reading Program. Mrs. Herrig moved that the M.S.L.A. underwrite one book list during the coming year; the motion carried.

Mrs. Herrig, President of the Montana Federation of Women's Clubs, introduced Mrs. Longworth, state chairman of the Libraries Division. She stated that many of the libraries in the state were started by the local Woman's Club, and that the Federation's continued interest in and support of Montana's library program can be counted upon.

Miss Campbell led a discussion, "Applying What We've Learned," to evaluate Monday's Legislative Workshop. She brought out the following points: that libraries in the state need many things but that more adequate support is essential; that

librarians would like the help, advice and suggestions of a well-qualified field librarian working from a central headquarters; that the State Library Extension Commission needs a larger budget to meet the demands made upon it by libraries, schools and individuals throughout the state. She stressed the statements made by Mr. Toomey: that Montana has good library laws; that in cities or counties where more than one library exists, such libraries should combine into one strong library; and that librarians should make every effort to secure the full amount allowed by law for the support of their libraries. She pointed out further that librarians must face the fact that Montana has two problems—library support at the local level and library support at the state level—and the M.S.L.A. must decide which situation should have first consideration.

Miss Kee followed up with a discussion, "Where Should We Start." She stated that the Commission cannot do the job alone; the demand for better library service must come from the people. She pointed out what librarians can do to start the movement rolling—get the support of the public in every area; organize a strong Friends of the Library group; solicit the support of legislators through letters and whenever possible through personal contacts; do not be modest in demands—a large program has drama and assumes importance.

Mrs. Herrig moved that the membership of M.S.L.A. pledge full support to the legislative program of the State Library Extension Commission; the motion carried.

A "Problem Session: Help Wanted" was conducted by Margaret Hileman, Mrs. Alma Jacobs, Walter J. McGuire and Mrs. Winifred Griffith. Problems discussed included censorship of books, weeding the collection, cleaning books, and use of Pocket Books.

A few of the tape recordings were played for the benefit of those who had not heard them.

The meeting adjourned for luncheon in the Roundup Room. Mrs. Mabel Miller presided and introduced Rita McDonald who spoke on "Montana Librarians and the State Historical Society."

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The final session was held at the State Historical Library. The president called the meeting to order at two o'clock.

Virginia Walton was elected vice-president and president-elect for the coming year.

Miles City was selected as the meeting place for 1955.

Through a misunderstanding the Resolutions were not ready for presentation. Walter McGuire, chairman of the Resolutions Committee, was instructed to mail them to the secretary as soon as possible.

New officers installed were: Ruth Longworth, president; Virginia Walton, vice-president and president-elect; Rita McDonald, secretary, and Clare Smith, treasurer.

Miss Campbell recommended that the Library Development Committee work closely with the State Library Extension Commission.

Mrs. Herrig moved that a letter be sent to A.L.A., with a copy to the Public Libraries Division, expressing appreciation for Janice Kee's participation in the M.S.L.A. meeting; the motion carried.

President Longworth declared the 41st Annual Meeting of the Montana State Library Association adjourned.

A tour of the Veterans and Pioneers Memorial Building was followed by a tea at Carroll College.

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COMMITTEE APOINTMENTS

Legislation
Kathleen Campbell, chairman
Edward Toomey
Mrs. Leo C. Graybill

Membership
Mrs. Clare Smith, chairman
Inez Haskins (School Lib. Div.)
Mrs. Perl Coombs (Friends of the Lib.)
Margaret Hileman

Scholarship
Merwin Moores, chairman
Mrs. Mary Antunes
Mrs. Marjorie Moores

Library Development
Mrs. Helen Ewing, chairman
Mrs. Perl Coombs
Evelyn Swant
Mrs. Marie Zile
Mrs. Marjorie Moores
Jeane Lewis
Ellen Torgrimson, consultant

1956 Meeting Place
Mrs. Loretta Peck, chairman
Natalie Sliepcevich
Mrs. Cornelia Sherman

Publicity
Lesley Heathcote, chairman
A. B. Guthrie, Jr.
Mrs. Frances Plummer

Montana Authors
Catherine White, chairman
Rita McDonald
Alice Ridenour
Mrs. Alma Jacobs

Nominating
Mrs. Mabel Miller, chairman
Mrs. Inez Herrig
Virginia Walton

1955 Conference
Mrs. Clare Smith, chairman
Mrs. Frances Plummer
Mrs. Perl Coombs
Mrs. Doris Mart
Mrs. Cecille Winzeler
Doris Wilson

Resolutions
Pauline Rich, chairman

M.S.L.A. PLANS FOR 1954/55

It was agreed at our conference in May that the emphasis of the Association's efforts this next year should be directed toward favorable legislation for the Library Extension Commission, and specifically toward working for a better budget. To accomplish this the consensus was that we should concentrate on State-wide publicity for the Commission.

Mrs. Longworth, our MSLA President, has given us the keynote—better public relations. This, of course, is a long term project, which we all continually work at in our own communities. Now the time has come to direct our efforts toward improved library service over the whole State. From the recent A.L.A. conference in Minneapolis, Mrs. Longworth brought a phrase used by Mrs. Gretchen Schenk which I think we can take as a watchword: "Congregate, cooperate, coordinate." So our publicity efforts must be directed toward securing cooperation and coordination for better library service.

First of all, what do we need to do? Basically we must point up the joys and rewards of good reading. A start has been made in the Rural Reading Program which seems to have taken hold among the Home Demonstration Clubs. At the recent Home Demonstration Council meeting in Bozeman, club after club mentioned books and libraries, whereas in the past little notice has been taken of them.

Having, we hope, instilled in people the desire and need for books, we should next point out the advantages of a strong State Library Extension Commission. As a beginning we plan to get into the hands of the Home Demonstration Club members a single sheet, telling briefly what the Commission is, what it does, what it needs and what they can do to help.

The projects begun by the Rural Reading Committee, i.e., the booklists and the Montana Farmer-Stockman column will be continued.

For our MSLA publicity program we hope to have some articles written by Montana authors on books and reading and to have these carried in all newspapers of the State.

We plan to continue the radio programs and to expand them. They will be wholly adult programs this year and some will be quizzes, others book reviews, (possibly with musical backgrounds) and other similar things related to books and reading. Last year's programs were uneven, but since we are making an earlier start we guarantee something better this year. We want, if possible, to have them cover the period from the first week in November through March. Shortly I shall be writing you for help in getting the radio time and I hope you will go right after your local station.

All of this is on a State-wide basis, but every librarian can do a lot in her own community. Most of you do, I know. Book reviews given to organizations, human interest stories for your local newspaper, cooperation with your schools—all of these things are valuable publicity, not only for your own library, but also for libraries in general. Won't you, at every opportunity, bring in some remark about the work of the Commission and its needs?

At our Helena meeting, we made a start on the formation of a Friends and Trustees section of the MSLA and already we have a number of members. The dues are only $1.00 a year and those who join will be kept informed of library plans and developments through the medium of bulletins from the President. So ask your trustees and your library friends to join. You can collect the dues and send them and the names to our Treasurer, Mrs. Clare Smith, Public Library, Miles City. We should have 100% trustee membership, as they have in Iowa.

Please send me clippings of your local publicity and tell me about "gimmicks" that have been especially successful in calling attention to your library and its services. Maybe others could make use of these. If you need help, we'll try to give it to you.

Publicity Committee, MSLA
LESLEY M. HEATHCOTE, Chairman

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AROUND THE STATE

A new library for patients was opened at the Montana State Hospital, Warm Springs, on July 22. The library has 2,800 volumes for the 2,000 patients. Mrs. Elsie R. Ekegren, Librarian, will welcome gifts of good, readable books to add to the collection.

Mrs. Carrie E. Erb, the first librarian of the Laurel Public Library, was invited to tell the history of the library at the spring meeting of the Woman's Club. In its June 2d issue the LAUREL OUTLOOK printed her address. Mrs. Erb served as librarian from 1917 until 1950, and her interesting article demonstrates that she still has a keen interest in the Laurel Public Library.

Mrs. Erb had the misfortune to break her leg in a fall at her home early in the summer. She was taken to the Deaconess Hospital in Billings for treatment. Her friends will be glad to know that she is recovering nicely.

On June 18th, **Mrs. Marjorie Moores,** Hill County Librarian, and **Mrs. J. B. Mast,** member of the State Library Extension Commission, spoke at the Home Demonstration Council in Bozeman.

Mrs. Moores' subject was, "How a Library Grew," in which she described the establishment and progress of the Hill County Rural Free Library. Mrs. Mast discussed the work of the Commission and its plans for future development.

Mrs. Mabel Miller reports that the Board of Trustees of the Helena Public Library has joined the Friends of the Library group 100%. The Board members are Judge A. J. Horsky, E. G. Toomey, Eugene Sanden, Mrs. T. P. Regan, Jerrold Richards and W. W. Casper. We hope other library boards in the state will respond with the same enthusiasm.

The newly organized Commission government in Missoula froze all city salaries except in the Public Library. The library staff was passed over last year when city employees were granted a general salary increase. The Commission's action will bring them up to equality with the other members of the municipal staff.

Mildred England, who spent almost three months touring England, Holland, France, Switzerland and Italy on her bicycle, returned to Fort Benton July 1st.

The attractive M.S.L.A. convention programs were supplied through the courtesy of Hertzberg-New Method, Inc.

Montana was represented at the A.L.A. Conference in Minneapolis by Ruth Longworth, Alma Jacobs, Loretta Kilroy, Ann Whitmack, Kahtleen Campbell, Ellen Torgrimson and Florence Jensen. Mrs. Jacobs participated in a panel discussion, "What is the Role of the Librarian in the Political Process?" during the Library Extension Workshop.

Former Montana librarians at the conference were: Eileen Patterson and Bernice Paton (Montana State University); Mrs. Edith Hegwer (Parmly Billings Memorial Library); Erana Stadler and Margaret Fulmer (Great Falls Public Library); Zoe Baur (Stillwater County Library); Ruth Eismann (Northern Montana College).

Several of the Montana librarians drove to Owatonna one afternoon to see the newly remodeled Public Library. Miss Stadler has done a splendid job in transforming a drab, outmoded building into a functional and attractive library.

Mrs. Lucinda B. Scott died in a Helena hospital in June at the age of 72. Mrs. Scott was appointed librarian of the State Historical Society by Governor Ford in 1942. She retired in 1950.

Completing 35 years of service, **Bessie Sestak,** reference librarian at the Great Falls Public Library, retired in June. In recognition of her long and valuable services to the library and the community a tea was given in her honor at the library. Miss Sestak is making her home with relatives at Victor.

William A. Easton is chief librarian, Veterans Administra-

tion Hospital, Fort Bayard, New Mexico. He was formerly regional librarian, Bureau of Reclamation, Billings.

Cecil Bull, Catalog Department head at Montana State University, resigned in June and has returned to the University of Michigan to work for a Master's degree in Library Science.

Mrs. Gunther Bonnin resigned her position as part-time Reference Assistant at Montana State University. The Bonnins have added a new baby daughter to their family.

The Great Falls Public Library has purchased a Recordak reader for use with the microfilm edition of the GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE.

For the second summer, Montana State College offered two courses to enable teacher-librarians to obtain the necessary credits in library science and to help teachers to use school libraries to better advantage. Beginning in the 1954 fall quarter a school librarian will join the M.S.C. library staff on a permanent basis to teach one school library course each quarter during the regular session and to continue the two-course summer offering. Both elementary and secondary school library work will be offered. One of the requirements of the new elementary teacher-training curriculum at M.S.C., to be put into effect in 1955, is a three-hour course in reference, book selection and reading guidance.

A three-weeks Workshop for school librarians was offered at Eastern Montana College of Education again this summer.

Montana State University's summer session offered two three-credit courses for school librarians: "School Library Cataloging and Classification" and "Evaluation of Library Materials and Services." A two-weeks Workshop for school librarians wishing advanced training was offered also. The instructor was Richard L. Darling, University of Michigan High School Librarian.

Mrs. J. B. Mast, Bozeman, has been reappointed to the State Library Extension Commission for a three-year term, ending May 22, 1957.

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YOU WILL WANT TO BUY

Ralph C. Henry's TREASURE STATE, the story of Montana for Junior Montanans, published by the State Publishing Company, Helena, at $3.75.

Harold Tascher's MAGGIE AND MONTANA: the story of Maggie Smith Hathaway, published by Exposition Press, N. Y., at $3.00.

Check each issue of MONTANA MAGAZINE OF HISTORY

for reviews of books about Montana and the West and the new feature, "Buffalo Chips . . . Bits of Book Chat About Montana."

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COMIC BOOKS

Amy Wold, Family Life Specialist with the Extension Service at Bozeman, calls attention to the availability of an authoritative evaluation of comic books. The Committee on Evaluation of Comic Books, Box 1486, Cincinnati 1, Ohio, has 90 trained reviewers who have evaluated 386 comic books. The categories used are: No objection; Some objection; Objectionable; Very objectionable. The lists are available at the above address at 5¢ per copy, 3¢ each for 5 to 99 copies, and 2½¢ each for quantities of 100 and up.

You may wish to get a few copies for your local P.T.A. or similar groups.

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G.F.W.C. APPOINTMENT

"The General Federation of Women's Clubs has a new President—and consequently a new Chairman of the Libraries Division of the Education Department. The President, Mrs. Theodore Chapman, Jerseyville, Illinois, has been a friend of public libraries for a long time, and she holds a real enthusiasm for library development. When Mrs. Chapman named the Chairman of the Libraries Division, she appointed a past President of a State Federation and a County Librarian—a fine combination of experience. But that isn't all! She selected a person who has a national reputation for making the public library a real cultural force in a small community. She is the 'energetic brunette' described in Richard W. Poston's book, SMALL TOWN RENAISSANCE. She is Inez Herrig (Mrs. Robert F.), Librarian of the Lincoln County Free Library, Libby, Montana."

Quoted from Memorandum released by
S. Janice Kee, Executive Secretary
A.L.A. Public Libraries Division.

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AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

With their theme, "Knowledge—A Free People's Surest Strength," more than three thousand librarians from all parts of America participated in the 73d annual conference of the A.L.A. held in Minneapolis, June 21-26. President Flora B. Ludington, Mt. Holyoke College Librarian, presided. Outstanding speakers were Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, Secretary, U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare; Dr. James Lewis Morrill, President, University of Minnesota; and Dr. Charles W. Mayo, President of the American Association for United Nations.

Honorary memberships were awarded by action of Council to: Carl H. Milam of Barrington, Ill., who served as A.L.A. Executive Secretary from 1920 to 1948; Linda Eastman, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, who was President of A.L.A. in 1928 and formerly Librarian of the Cleveland Public Library where she served for 46 years; Carleton B. Joeckel, Berkeley, Calif., distinguished librarian and teacher for forty years and former Dean of the University of Chicago Graduate Library School; and Charles Harvey Brown, former A.L.A. President who served in the Library of Congress, Iowa State College Library and was active in the founding of the National Diet Library of Japan.

New officers installed were: President, L. Quincy Mumford, Librarian of Congress; First Vice-president and President-elect, John S. Richards, Seattle Public Library; Second Vice-president, Sallie J. Farrell, Louisiana State Library.

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RESOLUTION ON WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION

WHEREAS legislation is pending in the Congress to enable the President of the United States to hold a White House Conference on Education at which educators and interested citizens will consider and report on significant and pressing problems in education; and

WHEREAS this national conference will be preceded by conferences in each of the forty-eight states to identify these problems in education and to make recommendations on their solution; and

WHEREAS library facilities and services are essential to all educational programs of the Nation, both formal and informal; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED That the Council of the American Library Association in convention assembled in Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 21-26, 1954, does hereby heartily endorse this proposal of a White House Conference on Education and the state conferences which precede it, and that the American Library Association do all in its power to assist in attaining the objectives of these conferences; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED That the Council urge all libraries, state library associations, and state library agencies to participate actively in the planning and conducting of all such conferences held at the state or local level; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED That copies of this resolution be sent to the Governors of the respective states, and the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and the United States Commissioner of Education.

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LET'S READ

BOOK WEEK

November 14-20

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STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

Missoula, Montana

AROUND THE STATE

The Mineral County Library has opened a branch library at St. Regis. The County Commissioners appointed Mrs. RUTH McCALLUM to act as librarian, and the library is in her home. Another branch of the Mineral County Library is located at Saltese. Mrs. GRACE HODGINS is county librarian.

Mrs. PERL COOMBS reports that sixty people have joined the newly formed Friends of the Library Division of M.S.L.A. Letters have been sent to the trustees of all the libraries in the state explaining the division and inviting them to join. Every librarian is urged to promote this program in her community.

When the 4-H leaders of the Southeastern District meet in Hardin, November 9-10, Mrs. LAURA M. CARTER, County Librarian, will arrange a book display. She is also preparing a book display for the library during Book Week.

The building boom is extending to libraries. Glacier County Library will have a new home as a result of a library bond issue, which passed with a nice margin. Congratulations are in order for the librarian, Mrs. RUTH O. LONGWORTH. . . . A permanent building for the Flathead County Free Library is the goal of the Friends of the Library group in that county. Mrs. CORNELIA SHERMAN is county librariarn. . . . In Sidney, a house has been remodeled to provide larger quarters for the Public Library, which long since outgrew its present location in a downtown office building. Our congratulations to Mrs. SARAH T. KITTLESON, Librarian!

During September and October the Great Falls Public Library arranged a number of interesting displays. The wife of an airman at the Air Force Base loaned her collection of Japanese dolls for one display. National Newspaper Week was observed with an exhibit entitled, "Your Newspaper—Freedom's Forum." "South Africa Today" featured African affairs. The library planned an exhibit around the services of the State Library Extension Commission at the Civic Center for the Farmers Union Conference, October 20-22. Other exhibits included: "Credit Unions—What They Are and What They Do"; "Square Dancing Is Fun"; "Know the Issues and Vote."

During the weeks of September 27 and October 8, the Great Falls Public Library provided library service at the National Resources Conference. A staff member was on duty at the Civic Center throughout the conference, assisting the conferees in locating the materials listed in the bibliography of the conference.

Mrs. ALMA JACOBS, Librarian, and Miss LORETTA KILROY, Children's Librarian, of the Great Falls Public Library ap-

peared on the KFBB Television program "Around the Town With Tess" on August 23 and again in September. They discussed the library's services to children and adults.

Mrs. PATRICIA STEVENS resigned as librarian of the West Side Deposit Station in Great Falls on September 15 to accept the position of librarian at the **Great Falls Tribune** office. Miss ZADA BRIDGES, formerly librarian of the Havre Public Library, was appointed to succeed Mrs. Stevens.

Mrs. BARBARA JENSEN of Circle was killed in an automobile accident on August 12. She was 78 years of age. Mrs. Jensen had been librarian of the McCone County Memorial Library from its beginning in 1929 until her retirement in 1951.

The Powder River Public Library, which was started two years ago as a Woman's Club project, has now achieved official recognition. The town council of Broadus has approved a .5 mill tax levy, and the county will contribute $300 toward its support. Mrs. VELMA PEMBERTON has been employed to serve as part-time librarian.

Mrs. WINIFRED BURDICK, Librarian of the Plains Public Library for thirteen years, was selected as "Woman of the Year" by the local Business and Professional Women's Club. In addition to her library work, Mrs. Burdick has taken an active part in community life. She has been president of the Woman's Club, the Sanders County and Montana Federation of Women's Clubs; she has served her church as organist for many years, as president of the Women's Society of Christian Service, and as superintendent of the Sunday School; she has long been interested in encouraging women to exercise their right to vote and to hold public office, regardless of party affiliation, and for a number of years she has been chairman of the Sanders County Republican Central Committee. We congratulate Mrs. Burdick on receiving this honor and recognition.

The Thompson Falls Women's Fellowship of the Community Congregational Church will hold a Book Fair on November 19. The State Library Extension Commission will supply a Traveling Library Exhibit of Children's Books, and the Secretary will attend.

MILDRED ENGLAND, Chouteau County Librarian, was guest speaker at the Great Falls Public Library on October 2, presenting an account of her bicycle trip through Europe in the spring. The title of her talk was, "Pedaling to Adventure." Miss England has presented her travelogue also to the Fort Benton Kiwanis and Woman's Clubs.

Mrs. MARGIE ANN (CRAWFORD) CAMM is now living in Boise, Idaho, where her husband has been transferred.

EILENE M. MORRISON is a new member of the Montana State College Library staff. She succeeds TAUNO SALO, who has returned to Alaska. Miss Morrison will also teach the library science courses offered at the college. She is a graduate of Columbia University Teachers College and of the University of Washington Library School. She is not a stranger to Montana, as she spent the past two summers at Montana State College teaching the school library courses.

JANET ALEXANDER is the new cataloger at the Great Falls Public Library. She holds a B. A. degree from the University of Vermont and a Master's degree in Library Science from Simmons College. She fills the position of catalog librarian left vacant by the appointment of Mrs. ALMA JACOBS as head librarian.

RITA McDONALD resigned her position as librarian of the Historical Society of Montana, effective October 15. She has returned to the staff of the Montana State College Library in a temporary capacity as archivist. She will work over the correspondence and other files of all departments of the college, weed out, organize and arrange them. They will be permanently preserved as the College Archives.

Mrs. ELVA WINEMAN reports that the Judith Basin County Free Library now has a Library Board, appointed by the County Commissioners. Members are: Mrs. Frances Setter and Mrs. Edward Holzfaster, Raynesford; Mrs. C. O. Phelps, Hobson; Mrs. Ivan Kynett, Moccasin; Robert H. McGuire and N. B. Matthews, Stanford. The county library was established nine years ago and now has a book collection of almost 10,000 volumes. It maintains deposit stations in Hobson, Raynesford, Geyser, Windham, Utica, Moccasin, and Benchland.

Mrs. RUTH LONGWORTH contributed an article, "Glacier County Library," to the **Wilson Bulletin.** It appeared in the September 1954 issue.

Friends of Mrs. INEZ HERRIG, Lincoln County Librarian, will be happy to know that her first eye operation was completely successful. Inez says that newsprint leaps out at her now, and it is wonderful to be able to see easily. She is a busy person with her home, library, community activities and work with the General Federation of Women's Clubs in which she is national chairman of the Library Division.

On October 1, SUSIE THEIS assumed her duties as head of the cataloging department at Montana State University. Miss Theis holds a B.S. degree in Library Science from Simmons College and an M.S. in L.S. from the University of Illinois. Her

experience includes circulation work at the South Dakota Public Library Commission and cataloging at the University of South Dakota.

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"LET'S LOOK AT" COLUMN

The **Montana Farmer-Stockman** is again featuring a book column in its mid-month issue. Books mentioned in recent issues include:

Better Homes and Gardens story book
Lift every voice
Bishop's mantle—Turnbull
You can whittle and carve—Hellum
On the banks of Plum creek—Wilder
Across the wide Missouri—De Voto
Course of empire—De Voto
Handicrafts and hobbies for pleasure and profit—Ickis
But we were born free—Davis
America sings—Carmer
It's a wise parent—Smart
Jack tales—Chase
Fun encyclopedia—Harbin
Year of decision—De Voto
Johnny Chinook—Gard

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MISSOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY

Needs: **Montana Libraries,** vol. 6, no. 3—April 1953.

Needs: **Bureau of Mines and Geology,** Memoir no. 9 and no. 10.

Has duplicates for exchange:

Bureau of Mines and Geology, Memoir no. 4, no. 5, no. 8, no. 15.

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SEND TO S.L.E.C.

1953-1954 Annual Reports. We have received a good many but want to remind the rest of you.

Any publicity releases about your libraries which appear in local or state papers. We are the collection agency for this material according to the M.S.L.A. constitution.

INTERLIBRARY LOANS

The P.N.B.C. requests that all libraries in the state clear their requests for interlibrary loans through the S.L.E.C. Often the books can be supplied by the Montana State University or Missoula Public Libraries or the State Library Commission, thus saving time. We would like the same full information about the books to obviate the necessity of our rechecking.

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M.S.L.A. RADIO SERIES

The Montana State Library Association is sponsoring a series of 25 weekly book review radio programs. Books to be reviewed include:

Forester, Horatio Hornblower
Becker, Presenting Miss Jane Austen
Neill, Traitor's moon
Shakespeare, Julius Caesar
Hunter, The hunter
Dean, Report on the atom
Conrad, Secret sharer
Heyerdahl, Kon-Tiki
Moses, Grandma Moses
Hemingway, Old man and the sea
Rieseberg, I dive for treasure
Pei, Story of language; Story of English
Martin, Boy from Nebraska
Clarke, Exploration of space
Flaubert, Bouvard and Pecuchet
Orwell, 1984
Cather, My Antonia
Bishop, Bowl of Bishop
Montross, Rag, tag and bobtail
Catton, Stillness at Appomattox
Dedmon, Fabulous Chicago
Leacock, Sunshine sketches of a little town
McKie, Survivors
Taylor, Widows of Thornton

Cooperating stations and their times are as follows:

KANA, Anaconda, Thursday, 6:45 p.m., beginning Nov. 4
KBMN, Bozeman, Sunday, 12:45 p.m., beginning Nov. 7

KMON, Great Falls, Sunday, 5:15 p.m., beginning Nov. 7
KXGN, Glendive, Tuesday, 8:15 p.m., beginning Nov. 9
KLTZ, Glasgow, Monday, 4:15 p.m., beginning Nov. 8
KCAP, Helena, Sunday, 7:30 p.m., beginning Nov. 7
KXLO, Lewistown, Saturday, hour not set, beginning Nov. 6
KLCB, Libby, Tuesday, 7:00 p.m., beginning Nov. 9
KPRK, Livingston, Monday, 10:15 a.m., beginning Nov. 8
KGVO, Missoula, Monday, 2:00 p.m., beginning Nov. 8
KATL, Miles City, Saturday, between 10:00 and 11:30 a.m., beginning Nov. 6
KIYI, Shelby, Wednesday, 4:00 p.m., beginning Nov. 3

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LEGISLATION

Do not forget to inform your legislators about the needs of the State Library Extension Commission. The budget request for the biennium is $51,151.80. Our immediate needs are for more professional help and a little more money for operation and books. We hope that the Legislature will allow the salary for an additional trained librarian on the staff so that we can do more effective work at headquarters in supplying books and library service to schools, libraries and individuals throughout the state, and also be able to give constructive help to librarians in small communities through workshops, institutes and personal visits. In Montana 21% of the population is without local library service of any kind; 52% has substandard service. The Commission is expected to supply library services to this large segment of the population, yet its appropriation for the current year is only $15,676. The Great Falls Public Library's budget of $95,676 is more than six times as large.

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A.L.A. MIDWINTER CONFERENCE

February 1-5, 1955

Headquarters: Edgewater Beach Hotel
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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M.S.L.A. ANNUAL MEETING

May 6-8, 1955

MILES CITY, MONTANA

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PACIFIC NORTHWEST HISTORY CONFERENCE

May 6-7, 1955

Headquarters: Davenport Hotel
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

Issued Quarterly
STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION
Missoula, Montana

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

President's Message

Montana libraries will have a splendid opportunity this year to alert patrons to an awareness of our history and to secure many new patrons who already have such interest.

The Lewis and Clark Sesquicentennial Committee has asked for our help and for all the cooperation we can give, in order that the year of observance will have interpretation and meaning. As president of M.S.L.A., I have been invited to meet with the committee to plan ways and means by which we can be of assistance.

At the December meeting in Helena each member of the committee outlined plans for his portion of the state. There will in all probability be pageants in Missoula, Helena, Dillon, Great Falls and Three Forks, radio and television programs, slides and commentary on the expedition, and a Boy Scout trek over the Lewis and Clark trail. Now, how can libraries help in this state-wide observance?

Could we not have a special shelf of books on Montana history; displays; story hours featuring Indian legends and early pioneer days; book talks on the many fascinating books on this subject; help with authentic background material for the pageants?

The schools will need our help, for the State Department of Public Instruction will be asking the teachers to use every device to bring the centennial to the attention of the children. It behooves us to look to our collections of books on Montana history so that we surely can be ready when called upon.

Could we not assemble an union catalog of all the books on Lewis and Clark in the state? This will be invaluable and not too arduous an undertaking if each of us will do her part. Let us make an author card for each book in our libraries relating to the expedition, stamped with our library stamp, and send them to the State Library Extension Commission, Missoula. If you find making a list easier, send it on to me and I will have the cards typed here.

Virginia Walton has prepared a list of material in the State Historical Library. While none of this material may be checked out, it is an excellent source and will serve as a guide to purchases of out-of-print material.

I think you will agree with me that we have been offered a golden opportunity for excellent publicity and improved public relations. Let us take the lead in our communities to call attention to valuable books on Montana and to the importance of a knowledge of our history—vital, colorful and exciting.

May I hear from you, telling me what you plan to do to make the Sesquicentennial significant in your area? I shall be pleased and proud to present these reports to the Committee.

RUTH O. LONGWORTH

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M.S.L.A. MEMBERS

On January 15, the membership roster included 103 librarians, 102 associate members. A really splendid record!

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LEGISLATION

Mrs. Leo C. Graybill, appointive Commission member, is watching progress of the S.L.E.C. budget request in the Legislature. Her husband is Speaker of the House, and she is spending considerable time in Helena. She arranged a hearing before the subcommittees of the House Appropriations Committee and the Senate Finance and Claims Committee, to which the budget had been assigned for study, on January 28th. Miss Campbell, Miss Torgrimson, Mrs. Longworth and Mrs. Graybill attended. Committee members were:

Rep. Arnold Reider, Jefferson County
Rep. Fritz Norby, Cascade County
Rep. M. K. Daniels, Powell County
Sen. William A. Groff, Ravalli County
Sen. W. R. McKay, Carbon County.

These men, in their sympathetic and cooperative attitude, reflected the splendid work done by librarians and lay people throughout the state in informing legislators of the Commission's work and needs. After the hearing they indicated that they planned to recommend a sufficient increase in the budget to provide for the addition of a Field Librarian to the staff. Our hopes are high!

The S.L.E.C. expresses its appreciation to all who have helped—librarians, Friends of the Library, the Executive and Legislative Committees of the State Library Association.

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AROUND THE STATE

Sarah T. Kittleson, Librarian, reports that the Sidney Public Library opened for business in its new building on October 23d. The Woman's Club sponsored Open House festivities from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, November 21st.

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The Bridger Woman's Club, which sponsors the Community Library, has purchased a building for new library quarters. The

building was moved to a new foundation, and citizens of Bridger are helping to prepare it for occupancy. At present the library is housed in the Council room of the City Hall.

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The Glasgow Chamber of Commerce sponsored a Town and Country Forum on November 18-19. Problems affecting rural and urban populations were under consideration with a view to bringing about closer cooperation and understanding. There was an outstanding roster of speakers for the program. Mrs. R. L. Ewing, County Librarian, served on the program planning committee and presided at the final session. She reported that 648 people were registered.

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The building fund of the Whitefish Library Association continues to grow. Recently a gift of $500.00 was received from the Whitefish Women's Club.

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Frances Harrington, Librarian, reports that quarters of the Philipsburg Free Library have been expanded by utilizing an adjoining hallway. The library was closed a few weeks for the necessary remodeling and redecorating.

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Jeane Lewis, Librarian, Carnegie City Library, spoke before the Kalispell Lions Club during Book Week. She explained the library's services and discussed the significance of Book Week.

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Mrs. Cornelia Sherman, Flathead County Librarian, announces the establishment of a branch library at Martin City. This is one of the towns which sprang up over night as a result of the Hungry Horse Dam construction.

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The Carnegie Public Library, Lewistown, has received a bequest of $25,000 from the estate of Dena Busch, who died recently at the age of 91. Because the estate has increased in value since her will was made twelve years ago, the legacy may prove to be larger. Mrs. K. Elizabeth Pittman, Librarian, informs us that there is a stipulation in the will providing: "a specific portion thereof to be reserved for the housing and maintenance of an historical library or museum for Central Montana." Since the money will not be available for at least a year, the library board is moving slowly in making plans.

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Mrs. Grace Hodgins retired as librarian of the Mineral County Library, Superior, in December. Employees at the Court

House where the library is located honored her with a handkerchief shower before she left. Recently she and her husband celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

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The next building project on the Montana State University campus will be an addition to the library. This will provide five floors of stack space 60 by 100 feet. It is to be of modular construction, extending to the north at the back of the present building. In order to disrupt service as little as possible, the addition will be near completion before the connection will be made. When the two are joined the plan is to convert all space in the present library building to reading and study purposes. The circulation center will be moved to the ground floor, and an open stack policy will be inaugurated. The library addition will make it possible to return to the central library all books which from time to time have been forced into department libraries. Only the Law School will have its own library.

Originally the plan was to do the building and remodeling jobs simultaneously. This meant that the University Library services and the State Library Extension Commission would have to be moved to other buildings on the campus. We were relieved when the plan was changed. We do not know what provision will be made for S.L.E.C. headquarters when the building is completed but for the present we are happy to remain where we are.

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Book Week was observed at the Phillips County Library, Malta, with an attractive display of 75 new children's books for all age groups, which were later released for circulation. Also ready in time for Book Week observance were new formica tops, in light oak finish, on the reading tables and charging desk. Librarian Eunice Ward reports fine cooperation between the library and the county newspaper in publicizing library activities.

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County Librarian, Mrs. Berenice Hanson, reports that the Roosevelt County Library, Wolf Point, was moved to new quarters in the basement of the Court House in October. Four rooms became available when the Bureau of Reclamation released the office space it had been renting. Mrs. Hanson and her assistant found the moving job quite arduous, but everyone is happy to have the library in more spacious and attractive surroundings.

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Add to the libraries involved in building plans the Toole County Library, Shelby. May we have some details from Mrs. W. M. Black, Librarian?

Mrs. Robert Herrig, Lincoln County Librarian, is National Chairman of the Libraries Division, General Federation of Women's Clubs. She will participate in a panel discussion at an open meeting during the 1955 A.L.A. Midwinter Conference. The meeting is sponsored by the Public Libraries Division and the Division of Libraries for Children and Young People. Participants, in addition to Inez, will be the Division Presidents, Ruth Gregory and Alice LeFevre, and Ruth Gagliardo, National Chairman of the Reading and Library Service Committee, National Congress of Parents and Teachers. Subject of the discussion will be librarian-citizen cooperation as practiced by the G.F.W.C. and N.C.P.T. through their programs to improve library services.

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Already we must ask you to make revisions in the MONTANA DIRECTORY OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS. Note these changes:

Baker—Public Library, Joyce Stevens

Hobson—Community Library, Mrs. Anthony Loebach

Superior—Mineral County Public Library, Mrs. Victor Hardman

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Colleagues in Montana will be interested to know that Mrs. Lois B. Payson has been appointed county librarian, Albany County, Laramie, Wyoming. Mrs. Payson was formerly librarian of the Montana State College Library.

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FREDERIC G. MELCHER SCHOLARSHIP

To Frederic G. Melcher the world of children's books owes a great debt of gratitude. The two highest awards for children's books each year—the Newbery Medal and the Caldecott Medal —and the Caroline M. Hewins Lectureship are the most outstanding of his many contributions. It is not only this tangible evidence of Mr. Melcher's generosity that counts, it is also the value of his supporting friendship. Children's librarians, children's book editors, and the book world in general have for many years been encouraged and guided by his wisdom.

To honor him the Children's Library Association of the A.L.A. is initiating a Frederick G. Melcher Scholarship Fund. The scholarship would be open each year to a candidate interested in preparing for children's librarianship and qualified to enter an A.L.A. accredited library school. Children's librarians

invite Mr. Melcher's many friends to join with them in making this tribute possible.

Contributions may be sent to:

Miss Mildred L. Batchelder, Executive Secretary
Division of Libraries for Children and Young People
50 East Huron Street
Chicago 11, Illinois.

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NEWBERY CALDECOTT NEWS

On Monday, March 7, from the New York Office of Mr. Frederic G. Melcher, president of the R. R. Bowker Company and donor of the award medals, will come the news we are all eagerly awaiting — the announcement of the Newbery-Caldecott Award winners. The recipients of these awards will be honored later at a dinner in Philadelphia during the A.L.A. conference.

News of the awards will be available to newspapers through AP and UP releases on the afternoon of March 7. Please alert your local newspapers concerning the forthcoming news releases.

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AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The A.L.A. has received a $200,000 grant from the Fund for Adult Education for development of long range adult education programs in libraries. The grant is for a two-year Library-Community Project to enable libraries to "develop long term adult education programs based on analysis of community needs."

Public Librarians may look forward to several new publications to be issued in the coming months. Committees of the Public Libraries Division of the A.L.A. are currently busy on the revision of several standard works: **Post-war Standards for Public Libraries, Regional and District Library Laws,** and **State Grants to Public Libraries.**

With its January 1, 1955 issue, **The Booklist** marked fifty years of service to librarians. Originally published eight times a year, **The Booklist** has grown to 23 issues a year and its circulation has increased to more than 12,000 subscribers. Its purpose, set forth on its inception in January 1905, has remained the same—"a current buying list of recent books with brief notes designed to assist librarians in selection." **The Booklist** celebrated its anniversary with a change of cover design which will accommodate a table of contents. A new makeup will employ single-column section headings to make arrangement of the contents more flexible.

FEDERAL RELATIONS NEWS

The Library Services Bill and the 84th Congress are well underway! Senate bill S.205 was introduced on January 10 by Senator Lister Hill. Senator Mike Mansfield was one of the fourteen sponsors of the bill. Write to him immediately thanking him and urging him to help in every way he can to bring the bill to speedy action in the Senate. Write also to Senator Hill who is chairman of the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee to which our bill has been referred, requesting early action by his committee.

Do you realize that Senate bill, S.20, was introduced on the third legislative day of the 84th Congress? In the 83rd Congress, it was March 18, 1953, before the Senate bill was introduced. It should be to our great advantage to be two months earlier in our start this year.

Because of the difference in the rules which govern the House and Senate, we have only one Library Services bill in the Senate, while in the House there are numerous bills, all identical. The rules of the House allow only one Member's name on a bill. Therefore, if a number of Members are interested in sponsoring the Library Services Bill in the House, each must introduce a separate bill. Congressman Lee Metcalf is one of the sponsors of the House bills which were introduced on January 24th. Be sure to see that he gets a large amount of mail thanking him for his sponsorship. Ask him to work for early consideration of his bill by the House Committee on Education and Labor. Stress again your interest in this much needed legislation. Ask for a copy of his Library Services Bill.

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YOU MAY WANT TO BUY

A comprehensive index and subject guide to available paper-bound books is in preparation in the offices of **Publisher's Weekly** and **Library Journal.** Under the title, "Paperbound Books In Print," it will index about 4000 titles of 22 publishers and also provide a selective subject guide to the rapidly growing number of paper books of more than passing interest now available at prices ranging from 25 to 95 cents.

The new publication will be paperbound and priced at $1.00 postpaid on single copies and at special quantity rates. There will also be a subscription rate of $2.00 a year since the plan is to revise and re-issue the catalog about every four months. The first issue will be ready in April and may be ordered from the publishers, the R. R. Bowker Company, 62 West 45 Street, New York 36, N. Y.

STATISTICS COVERING THE YEAR 1953-54 FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN MONTANA

Libraries failing to send reports have been omitted.
Blank spaces indicate incomplete information

Library	Year Estab.	Population Served	Tax Levy (Mills)	Total Income	Per Capita Approp.	Total Volumes	Circulation	Librarian
ANACONDA								
Hearst Free	1895	16,553	2.75	$15,782.00	.95	20,244	30,988	Florence E. Catlin
BAKER								
Public	1943	1,772		600.00	.34	7,727	4,717	Joyce Stevens
BELFRY								
Public		752		375.00	.50	4,063	1,870	Mrs. R. E. Hall
BIG TIMBER								
Carnegie		1,679	3.	4,398.21	2.62	10,051	14,417	Mrs. Sarah Fallang
BILLINGS								
Parmly Billings Mem...	1901	31,724		61,016.20	1.92	60,009	201,361	Ann Whitmack
BOZEMAN								
Public	1885	11,325	3.	17,530.00	1.54	13,051	55,949	Margaret Hileman
BRIDGER								
Community		854		32.81	.038	8,000	3,394	Madge Stiert
BUTTE								
Free Public	1890	48,422	1.4	32,872.00	.69	70,104	97,387	Mrs. Julia Leyden
CHESTER								
Liberty County	1947	2,180	.2	1,315.00	.60	3,220	4,850	Mrs. Lilly F. Eveland
CHINOOK								
Blaine County	1921	8,516	.65	5,110.09	.59	24,862	29,795	Mrs. C. E. O'Brien

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CHOTEAU								
Public	1916	1,618		545.00	.33	7,836	1,202	Mrs. Clara M. Roberts
CIRCLE								
George McCone Memorial County	1929	3,258	.75	3,519.26	1.08	8,805	12,500	Mrs. Mabel F. Fillenworth
COLUMBUS								
Stillwater County	1928	5,416	1.	6,200.00	1.14	16,342	41,176	Mrs. Helen Prichard
CONRAD								
City		1,856		1,200.00	.64	5,293	5,203	Mrs. J. E. Ritchey
CULBERTSON								
Public		779	1.			2,661	4,595	Mrs. Kathryn Garbe
CUT BANK								
Glacier County	1944	9,645	2.	23,921.00	2.48	27,419	122,260	Mrs. Ruth O. Longworth
DILLON								
Public	1896	3,268	3.	3,900.00	1.19	17,964	14,170	Mary L. Innes
FAIRVIEW								
High School		942		2,361.00	2.51	2,464	4,906	Mrs. Bessie E. Johnson
FORSYTH								
Rosebud County	1920	6,570	.5	4,350.00	.66	13,117	11,250	Mrs. Cecille Winzeler
FORT BENTON								
Chouteau Co. Free	1915	6,974	1.2	11,653.76	1.67	22,393	23,789	Mildred England
GLASGOW								
Carnegie City-Co.	1906	11,353	2.5	8,399.50	.73	25,195	40,389	Mrs. Helen M. Ewing

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GLENDIVE								
Public	1915	5,254	3.	9,063.00	1.72	9,607	24,651	Mrs. Leon Coombs
GREAT FALLS								
Cascade Co. Free	1943	13,813	.57	12,606.00	.91	20,310	47,801	Mrs. Amy A. Patterson
Public	1892	39,214	3.5	95,676.00	2.44	72,048	225,813	Mrs. Alma S. Jacobs
HARDIN								
Big Horn County	1918	9,824	1.	8,924.91	.91	20,060	39,714	Mrs. Laura M. Carter
HARLOWTON								
Public	1921	1,733		1,050.00	.61	7,104	11,140	Georgia R. James
HAVRE								
Hill Co. Rural	1948	6,199		5,110.00	.82	8,100	29,142	Mrs. Marjorie Moores
Public	1904	8,086	1.9	8,345.00	1.03	16,040	25,769	Mrs. Mary Antunes
HELENA								
Public	1886	17,581	1.5	16,545.84	.94	72,939	61,154	Mrs. Mabel T. Miller
HOBSON								
Community		205	1.2	242.00	.49	1,690	915	Mrs. Anthony Loebach
HYSHAM								
Treasure County	1947	1,402		35.00		1,119		Mrs. Helen M. Henricks
JORDAN								
Garfield County Free	1948	2,172	.5	960.00	.44	1,784	4,378	Mrs. Doris M. Mart
KALISPELL								
Carnegie City	1903	9,737	3.	16,000.00	1.64	23,005	70,163	Jeane Lewis
Flathead Co. Free	1943	18,490	1.3	13,216.50	.71	20,346	81,041	Mrs. Cornelia Sherman

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LAUREL								
Public	1917	3,663	2.5	3,700.00	1.01	8,527	17,387	Frances Fenton
LEWISTOWN								
Carnegie Public	1901	6,573	2.87	9,915.00	1.51	14,364	55,665	Mrs. K. Elizabeth Pittman
LIBBY								
Lincoln Co. Free		8,693	2.	14,543.86	1.67	20,385	84,536	Mrs. Robert F. Herrig
LIVINGSTON								
Public	1901	7,683	3.47	19,251.41	2.51	16,327	83,448	Mrs. Helen Ross
MALTA								
Phillips County	1918	6,334		3,365.00	.53	10,062	19,795	Mrs. Eunice O. Ward
MILES CITY								
Carnegie Public	1902	9,243	2.5	13,000.00	1.41	17,408	39,785	Mrs. Clare M. Smith
MISSOULA								
Public and	1894	35,493	2.25	28,288.33	1.06	51,389	138,886	Evelyn Swant
County	1916		1.55	10,555.41		22,150	29,263	
PHILIPSBURG								
Free	1912	1,048		240.00	.23	3,000		Mrs. Frances Harrington
PLAINS								
Public	1920	714	2.	788.36	1.10	4,289	5,515	Mrs. F. S. Burdick
PLENTYWOOD								
Sheridan County	1919	6,674	.55	5,352.00	.81	8,200	2,000	Mrs. Dorothy Anhalt
POLSON								
City		2,280	2.	2,497.16	1.10	10,936	21,146	Mrs. Mabel Miller

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POPLAR								
City	1918	1,169	2.	720.00	.62	3,950	4,529	Mrs. Kate Hanson
RED LODGE								
Public		2,730	2.7	1,590.00	.58	8,290	13,371	Mrs. Marian E. Adams
ROUNDUP								
Public	1931	5,408	1.5	1,520.00	.28	4,484	13,315	Mrs. Gertrude Cooper
SCOBEY								
Daniels Co. Free	1947	3,946	.29			6,044	4,920	Mrs. Marie Brudie
SHELBY								
Toole Co. Free	1947	6,687	2.	20,353.12	2.96	14,804	40,065	Mrs. W. M. Black
SIDNEY								
Public	1914	3,987	2.5	4,661.85	1.17	8,868	20,504	Mrs. Sarah T. Kittleson
STANFORD								
Judith Basin Co. Free	1946	3,200	.67	4,850.00	1.52	9,400	16,777	Mrs. Elva R. Wineman
SUPERIOR								
Mineral Co. Public	1936	2,081	.62	1,835.00	.88	5,761	8,157	Mrs. Grace A. Hodgins
TERRY								
Public	1944	2,377	.5	2,400.00	1.01	4,693	11,455	Mrs. Wm. L. Ganson
THOMPSON FALLS								
Public	1923	815	2.	599.40	.73	3,864		Mrs. Vera Kemmerer
TOWNSEND								
Broadwater County	1935	2,922	.37	1,615.08	.55	4,863	18,542	Mrs. Florence Muzzy
TWIN BRIDGES								
Public	1918	497	.2	349.00	.70	7,525		Mrs. May Lunger

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VIRGINIA CITY								
Thompson-Hickman County Free	1918	5,998		1,782.00	.30	6,852	3,837	Mrs. Florence Thomas
WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS								
Meagher Co. Public	1938	1,025	3.	1,086.08	1.06	7,090	3,925	Mrs. Martha L. Dunkel
WHITEFISH								
Public	1925	3,268		2,700.00	.85	8,900	18,754	Mrs. Mable Engelter
WISDOM								
Public	1934	819		152.00	.18	1,250	974	Mrs. George Cottrell
WOLF POINT								
Roosevelt County	1950	9,580	.73	2,400.00	.25	10,277	25,471	Mrs. Berenice A. Hanson

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M.S.L.A. ANNUAL MEETING

May 6-8, 1955

MILES CITY, MONTANA

PACIFIC NORTHWEST HISTORY CONFERENCE

May 6-7, 1955

Headquarters: Davenport Hotel

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

June 3-9, 1955

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Missoula, Montana

MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

From the President's Desk

It's time to CONGREGATE in Miles City, May 6-8, so that we may COOPERATE and COORDINATE!

Gretchen Knief Schenk, coming all the way from Alabama, will be our guest consultant; David Clift, Executive Secretary of the A.L.A. will be our honored guest. Members of our large Friends and Trustees Division will be on our program to discuss all aspects of cooperation.

You will agree that Mrs. Schenk is the outstanding authority on library problems such as ours. Her book, COUNTY AND REGIONAL LIBRARY DEVELOPMENT, is definitive in its field. With Mrs. Schenk and Mr. Clift present, we will have a golden opportunity to ask and receive the expert help we need.

Special invitations will be sent to all members of the Friends and Trustees Division and to all the interested people we can reach. It will help if you will follow up these invitations and make arrangements for transportation. It is also wise to make your hotel reservations early so that you will be sure of accommodations.

The convention will be a time for jubilation. Thanks to your good efforts and the help of our many friends, the budget for the State Library Extension Commission was substantially increased. We can now be assured of a Field Librarian, and we can rejoice in the accomplishment of our first big step toward improving library service in Montana.

You will recall that we set the dates for our meeting this year on a week-end so that school librarians could participate. We will hold our business meeting on Friday, May 6, at 7:00 p.m. and devote Saturday to talks by Mrs. Schenk and Mr. Clift and to panel discussions led by them. Mr. Clift will be the banquet speaker on Saturday evening.

By all means, let us take advantage of this excellent opportunity. It is also of vital importance that our Trustees and Friends meet with us. They have rallied to our support this past year. They, too, must be with us when we decide: "Where do we go from here?"

Ruth O. Longworth
M.S.L.A. President

To Be Acted Upon at Convention:

Amendments to the Bylaws governing ALA Chapters were ratified by the ALA membership on June 25, 1954, at Minneapolis. Council set the interim period within which existing chapters must apply for formal redesignation as chapters as not later than the 1956 Midwinter Meeting.

1. Members of a state, provincial, territorial, or regional library association are the ones who should vote on whether that library association should apply for chapter designation. These members may or may or may not be ALA members, just

so they are members of the state, provincial, territorial, or regional library association concerned.

2. After such an association votes to apply for chapter designation, the ALA members in the geographic area covered by the association, and only the ALA members (all of them, regardless of whether they are members of the given library association) are to be polled on their approval of the application.

3. The secretary of the Council (ALA Exec. Secy.) expects to have ready before the end of 1954 an authentic list of ALA members in the geographic area, which he will forward to the applying association for its use in polling all ALA members in its area for approval of its request for chapter designation.

4. A report on a) the vote of the members of the specific library association to apply; and b) the result of the poll of ALA members approving the application, should be sent by the applying association to the Secretary of the Council, together with eight (8) copies of the current constitution and bylaws of the applying association.

5. The constitution and bylaws of the applying association will be examined by the ALA Constitution and Bylaws Committee for certification that there is no conflict with the ALA Constitution and Bylaws.

6. The Council will then be asked to vote on the application for chapter designation.

7. After formal designation as a chapter, the chapter may elect councilors as provided in the Bylaws.

8. All present chapters continue to be chapters, and their Council representatives legal, until applications for redesignation have been acted on for their geographic area by Council.

Going to Convention?

The MSLA meeting in Miles City will be a stimulating one. Make plans to attend if it is at all possible. Try to interest your library board to send a representative. Get in touch with librarians in your area and make arrangements to "share the ride."

Miles City hotels include the New Milligan, Miles Howard, Hawley, Ingham and Olive. There are also a number of good motels. Reservations may be made now.

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AROUND THE STATE

New staff members at the Parmly Billings Memorial Library include: **Mrs. Martha Meredith** in the Circulation Department; **Mrs. Mineva Rostron** in the High School Department; **Marlene Leone,** Cataloging typist; and **Virginia Herzog,** Administrative Assistant. The library has installed a Boardman Book Drop for the convenience of patrons who wish to return books after library hours.

Mrs. Iva Lea Orr is acting librarian at the Western Montana College of Education, Dillon, this year during the absence of **Robert McGuire,** who is on leave for a year's graduate study at the University of Minnesota. **Mrs. Homer Turner** is assisting

Mary L. Innes is the Dillon Public Library, and **Mrs. Adele Stahl** is in charge of the public school library while Mrs. Orr is at the college library. All this reshuffling of personnel should be stimulating to all concerned.

Mrs. Vernice K. Hardman is the new county librarian in the Mineral County Public Library at Superior.

Mrs. Virginia Gilmore resigned her position as reference librarian on the Great Falls Public Library staff in February when her husband was transferred to Helena. She will not be an unemployed librarian for long, however—she began work April 1 as Assistant Librarian for the Historical Society of Montana.

The Great Falls Public Library and the Great Falls Music Division of the Montana Institute of the Arts presented a series of concerts on films each Tuesday during March. Each program consisted of a film showing, a short talk and a discussion period. The films used were: New York Philharmonic Orchestra; Jan Peerce and Nadine Andres Segovia; Jascha Heifetz; Marian Anderson; Trio: Rubinstein, Heifetz and Piatigorsky; and Arthur Rubinstein.

Mrs. Doris Coughlan is working as a half-time assistant at the Missoula Public Library, replacing **Mrs. David F. O'Shaughnessy,** who has resigned because of illness.

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LEGISLATION

The only legislation sponsored by the M.S.L.A. in the 1955 Legislative Assembly was the S.L.E.C. Appropriation bill. We are happy to announce that we were successful in securing a sufficient increase to permit employment of a Field Librarian.

During the past several years, pressure of work at headquarters has made it impossible for the Secretary to be away from the office for extended periods. In a state as large as Montana it is necessary to plan a travel program carefully in order to get full value for the mileage travelled. The Field Librarian, although she will have duties at headquarters, can arrange to be "on the road" for long enough periods to cover the territory adequately, without worrying about the work piling up at the office. Librarians will find that she can spend enough time with them to give real help and guidance. We hope eventually to hold institutes and workshops in various sections of the state. Librarians are urged to give some thought to what services they will expect and need from the Field Librarian. We may not be able to fulfill all your wishes immediately, but your suggestions will help us in long-range planning.

After a series of heartbreaking disappointments in previous Legislative Assemblies, from 1947-1953, suddenly this year our efforts brought results. Perhaps everyone worked harder, perhaps we were better organized. We know that our timing was better. About mid-January, letters went out from the S.L.E.C.

office to schools and individuals who had been using our services, asking them to write letters to their own representatives or to members of the subcommittees in the House and Senate to which our budget had been assigned for study. The letters started pouring in almost immediately, leaving no question in the minds of the subcommittees that the services of the S.L.E.C. were needed and appreciated.

We had fine subcommittees. Mrs. Leo C. Graybill, who kept a watchful eye on our budget throughout the session, arranged a hearing at which we were cordially received and allowed to present our case.

Our special thanks go to these committeemen:

Rep. Arnold Rieder ..... Boulder
Rep. Carl P. Minette ..... Cut Bank
Rep. Fritz Norby ..... Great Falls
Rep. M. K. Daniels ..... Deer Lodge
Sen. William A. Groff ..... Victor
Sen. William R. Mackay ..... Roscoe

We acknowledge also the fine support given us by the M.S.L.A. membership and other librarians in the state; by the Home Demonstration Clubs and other organizations which gave their support; by the M.S.L.A. Legislative Committee which functioned so smoothly and effectively; and by Mrs. Graybill who was ever on the alert to provide information and persuasion where it was needed.

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A.L.A. FEDERAL RELATIONS OFFICE

A Proposed Postal Bill

The ALA Washington Office has been working with a group of educational and related organizations on a bill which would readjust postal rates on educational and cultural materials. A bill has been drafted. Efforts are now underway to have it introduced in both Houses of Congress under bipartisan sponsorship.

The ALA Council passed the following resolution at the Midwinter Meeting. From this resolution you can see the types of material included in the proposed draft.

The intent of this legislation is to establish more nearly uniform and logical rates for the carriage of educational and cultural materials through the mails. Of special interest to librarians are the following provisions of the proposed bill:

1. The special postal rate for interlibrary loans (4¢ on the first pound and 1¢ a pound thereafter) which is now applicable only within a single state or within the first three postal zones, would be made applicable nation-wide, as are all other rates on reading matter. Also the present permit requirement would be deleted.
2. Bound typed theses, bound issues of periodicals, and other library materials, including photographs and manuscripts, could be sent on interlibrary loan on the library book rate.

3. Sheet music, which now takes fourth class (parcel post) rate, would hereafter be treated as bound music and would receive the library rate on interlibrary loans and the book rate on other shipments.
4. Scholarly bibliographies, which now go as advertising catalogs if they include references to publishers and prices, would be treated as books and take the library rate for loans and the book rate for other shipments.
5. The general book rate would be held at its present level (8¢ on the first pound and 4¢ a pound thereafter).

The enactment of this bill, though not appreciably affecting the postal revenues, would place postal rates used by libraries on a logical and consistent basis and would remove many annoying impediments to effective library service.

Library Services Bill

Hearings before the House Education and Labor Committee are the next important step for the Library Services Bill. Lee Metcalf of Montana is a member of this committee. Letters to him should tell why this legislation is important to Montana and what it will do to improve public library service to the rural areas. Citizen groups other than librarians, educational groups, women's clubs, P.T.A.'s and individual members of such groups should be urged to write letters. Constituent mail is needed to back up a Congressman's vote.

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AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

Announcement was made during Midwinter of a new grant totalling $200,000 from the Fund for Adult Education to support a new ALA adult education project for 1955-57. Miss Ruth Warncke, now director of the American Heritage Project, will be the director of this new project, "The Library in the Community."

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WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION

If you have not asked to be put on the mailing list for the **Newsletter** now being issued by the Committee for the White House Conference on Education, do so right away. Issue No. 2 is now available. Write to the Committee at Health, Education, and Welfare Building, South, Washington 25, D. C.

Included in this new issue is the plan for selecting participants for the White House Conference on Education for the states and territories. Ten is the allotment for Montana.

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INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1954

The Joint Committee on Internal Revenue Taxation has recently published a "Summary of the New Provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954," February 1955.

A copy may be requested from the Joint Committee, New House Office Building, Washington 25, D.C.

STATISTICAL ABSTRACT

Those wishing copies of the **Statistical Abstract** for **1953,** published by the Bureau of the Census, may obtain them from the ALA Washington Office, Hotel Congressional, Washington 3, D. C.

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WORKSHOPS

The University of Michigan Department of Library Science will offer a two-week workshop, August 1-12, for public librarians. The subject will be "The Librarian as a Community Leader," stressing the responsibility of the library in adult education and human relations and the library's relationship to the community. The tuition fee is $30 and two hours graduate credit in Library Science will be given. The Workshop staff includes:

Marie L. Fuller, Specialist in Adult Education Services in Libraries, Michigan State Library.

John B. Hawley, School of Education and Extension Service, University of Michigan.

Allen Menlo, Research Assistant in Community Adult Education, Extension Service, University of Michigan.

Prospective participants should write well in advance to the Department of Library Science, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

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"The Library and the Community," a workshop for trustees and librarians, will be presented at Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio, July 11-23. Sponsor of the two-week course is the School of Library Science at Western Reserve. Mrs. Marian M. Winser will conduct the workshop. For 28 years she was librarian of the Business Branch of the Newark, N. J., Public Library and is widely known for her work with library trustees. A board member herself, of the Summit, N. J., Public Library, Mrs. Winser was winner of the American Library Association's 1953 Lippincott Award for outstanding achievement in librarianship. She has just edited a "Handbook for Library Trustees," published by the R. R. Bowker Co., which will be the basic text for the course.

Aim of Western Reserve's summer workshop will be to focus attention on opportunities and problems trustees and librarians face jointly in developing the library's full value to the community. Workshop tuition will be $40. Two hours of academic credit may be earned toward a library science degree. Enrollment will be limited to approximately 25 trustees and librarians, with board members predominating. Applications should include a statement of graduate education, professional library experience, other qualifying experience and publications, and a statement of problems in library administration which the applicant is especially interested in investigating.

Enrollment applications and requests for details on the workshop program, housing and other information should be

sent to: Director of Admission, Western Reserve University, Cleveland 6, Ohio, by May 1, 1955.

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NEWBERY AWARDS

The Winner

Meindert De Jong—Wheel on the School.....Harper

Runners-up

Alice Dalgliesh—The Courage of Sarah Noble..Scribner

James R. Ullman—Banner in the Sky.....Lippincott

Born in a small fishing village in the Netherlands, Meindert De Jong came to Grand Rapids, Michigan (where he still lives) at the age of eight. He received his A.B. degree from John Calvin College. It was the children's librarian of the Grand Rapids Public Library who encouraged Meindert De Jong to write out the stories he told about his farm pets which led to his first book, **The Big Goose and the Little White Duck,** published in 1938. In order to make it financially possible to engage in writing, Mr. De Jong has worked at an odd assortment of jobs—college professor, mason, tinner, sexton, and farmer. His books, **Shadrack** and **Hurry Home, Candy**, were both previous Newbery runners-up. Meindert De Jong's perceptive powers of characterization and his keen understanding of children are embodied in **Wheel on the School.** This beautifully written story is surely a "most distinguished contribution to American literature for children."

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CALDECOTT AWARDS

The Winner

Marcia Brown—Cinderella .....Scribner

Runners-up

Marguerite DeAngeli—Book of Nursery and Mother Goose Rhymes .....Doubleday

Tibor Gergely, illus.—Wheel on the Chimney, by Margaret W. Brown .....Lippincott

Helen Sewell, illus.—The Thanksgiving Story, by Alice Dalgliesh .....Scribner

Marcia Brown was born in Rochester, New York. Because her father was a minister, her childhood was spent in several towns. Drawing was a hobby shared by all the family. After attending the State College for Teachers, in Albany, Miss Brown taught English and dramatics. The desire to paint was so strong, however, that she went to New York City to study art techniques and to work in the children's department of the New York Public Library. Miss Brown's artistic talent was readily recognized and her first juvenile book, **The Little Carousel,** showed her writing talent as well. Her interpretative illustrations for the beloved fairy tales, **Steadfast Tin Soldier** and **Puss in Boots,** were previous Caldecott runners-up. And now her version of Cinderella with its enchanting pictures, delicate in color and expressive in line, shows that Marcia Brown is, indeed, a gifted storyteller with words and pictures.

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Missoula, Montana

AROUND THE STATE

Mrs. Marie Brudie resigned her position as librarian of the Daniels County Library, Scobey, in June and moved to Arlington, Texas. The new librarian is Bernice M. Sorte, and Mrs. Ben Dahl has been appointed Assistant Librarian.

Mrs. Elizabeth O'Shaughnessy, a member of the Missoula Public Library staff since August 1953, passed away on April 15. She had undergone surgery for cancer in February.

On April 12, 1955, the Board of Trustees of the Missoula Public Library held its final meeting, and the five members tendered their resignations. Dissolved under Missoula's new Commission - Manager form of government, the board had functioned since April 5, 1894, when the city ordinance creating the library and providing for appointment of a library board was passed. In attendance with the board at its final meeting were Walton R. L. Taylor, City Manager; W. M. Sterling, City Finance Director; Paul Hoylo, member of the City Commission, and Evelyn Swant, Librarian. The board's final action was a memorial resolution to the late John F. Patterson, long-time library trustee. A special collection of "Books for Libertarians," published by the Caxon Press, was presented to the library from the board and the library staff as a tribute to Mr. Patterson. His son, John F. Patterson, Jr., accepted the books on behalf of the library. The memorial resolution was signed by the board members, Miss Swant and Mr. Hoylo.

A new appointee on the staff of the Missoula Public Library is Mrs. Gertruad E. Wickizer. Before coming to the States to join her husband, Mrs. Wickizer worked in the Army Post Library, Munich, Germany.

After twenty-six years as librarian of the Missoula County High School, Kathryn Geiger retired at the close of the 1955 school term. In announcing her retirement, Principal D. H. Beary stated that she had built up one of the most outstanding libraries in the Northwest. Miss Tekla Bekkedal of Westby, Wisconsin, has been employed to succeed Miss Geiger. Miss Bekkedal has had high school and college library experience at Forsyth (Montana) High School; Washington Junior High School, Manitowoc, Wisconsin; University of Minnesota, and South Dakota State College, Brookings.

Two memorial books have been presented to the Thompson Falls Public Library by the Past Matrons Club of the Order of Eastern Star: HOME AGAIN, by James Edmiston, and Anne Lindberg's GIFT OF THE SEA.

Edith L. Guyor, Circulation Head at Montana State University Library for the past four years, has resigned. She has accepted a position as Librarian of the North Thurston High School in Olympia, Washington. This is a new high school, opening in the fall, to meet the needs of an expanding population.

Helen McLaury, Librarian of the Montana State University Law School for two years, has resigned. She has accepted a position as Reference and Research Librarian in the Law School Library, University of California at Los Angeles.

Thelma Young, formerly high school librarian in Havre, is working at an army post just outside of Anchorage, Alaska. She writes of her work: "My title is Field Library Supervisor, but I am also the Depot Librarian and staff a children's library. The field supervision is the most difficult because of the turnover in personnel and because of the difficulty of being able to visit frequently. Most of the libraries are at secret sites, very isolated, and libraries are appreciated in those places. Being the Depot Librarian means that I order, process and ship library materials to the ten field libraries under my supervision. The children's library is small in volume (2,000 books), but the circulation and attendance are good. Our problem here is that during the cold, dark, short days the parents keep the youngsters at home when they come from school. There are five grade schools on the base, but they are just starting school libraries."

Mrs. Lelia Hale, assistant on the Missoula Public Library staff, has been ill since early June and underwent surgery on July 12. Best wishes for a speedy recovery!

An addition to the Montana State University Library is under construction this summer. It will more than double the stack area and provide quarters for a consolidated order and technical processes department. When the addition is completed the main library will be remodeled, moving the circulation department to the first floor and providing additional reading area. The Open Stack system will be adopted, and the plan at the present time is to consolidate the departmental libraries with the central library collection.

Patricia Woodcock has been appointed Assistant in the Circulation Department at the Montana State University Library. Miss Woodcock has just completed work on a Master's degree at the University of California School of Librarianship. She grew up in Miles City where she worked in the Carnegie Public Library while attending high school. She graduated from Montana State University with a major in history.

Dorothy Phelps will go to Juneau, Alaska, in October to organize the Territorial Library. Legislation creating the Territorial Library was passed by the Legislative Assembly in January, 1955. It provides for a five-member Commission appointed by the Governor and a $40,000 biennial appropriation. Miss Phelps was librarian of the Carnegie City Library, Kalispell, for a number of years. Recently she has been engaged in school library work in Salt Lake City.

Margaret Fulmer, who for the past two years has been teaching in the University of Minnesota Library School, has

accepted a position as head of the Whittier (California) Public Library. Miss Fulmer formerly served as librarian of the Parmly Billings Memorial Library and the Great Falls Public Libary.

Libraries in Flathead County are undertaking a county-wide library survey in the fall. A steering committee has been organized with representatives of the Flathead County Library, Whitefish Public Library, Carnegie City Library, the Whitefish Library Association, and the communities of Lakeside, Bigfork, Columbia Falls and Somers. The purpose of the survey is to make a study of present library problems in the county in order to work out possible solutions, and to develop a long-range program of county-wide library service that will meet the needs of the people.

Residents of Flathead County outside of Kalispell are no longer required to pay a fee for the use of the Carnegie City Library, according tc an agreement reached recently between the City Library and the Flathead County Library, which likewise will not require a fee from city residents who may wish to use its facilities. This decision to eliminate fees will apply to Whitefish residents also, permitting them to use either library. This is an initial step in the program to bring about closer inter-county cooperation in library service.

In April, Jeane Lewis, Librarian of the Carnegie City Library, Kalispell, was married to Charles E. Sturdivant. Their home address is Route 2, Greenacres, Kalispell.

Among the twenty-eight libraries receiving citations in the John Cotton Dana Publicity Awards Contest at the A.L.A. Conference in Philadelphia on July 4 was the Owatonna (Minnesota) Free Public Library. Erana Stadler, formerly on the staff of the Great Falls Public Library, is the librarian. The award was made for the library's "publicity program for modernizing the library, resulting in the generous cooperation of the community."

The Whitefish Library Association's building fund now totals $4,840.56. Memorial contributions to the fund totaling $65 were received during June. The fund has been increased further through placing on sale in a grocery store gift books for which the library has no need.

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MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The 42d annual meeting of the M.S.L.A. was held in Miles City, May 6-8. The theme of the conference was: "Congregate - Cooperate - Coordinate." Besides a record representation of librarians, a number of library trustees and Friends of the Libary were in attendance.

Guest speakers and consultants included David Clift, Executive Secretary, American Library Association, and

Gretchen Knief Schenk, former librarian and authority on library extension work. Both participated in a panel discussion, with Harriette Cushman, Mrs. J. D. Scanlan, Mrs. Leon Coombs and Mrs. Leo C. Graybill, on the subject of "Cooperation Among Libraries, Friends and Trustees," and with Mrs. Winnafern Moore, Lesley Heathcote and Mrs. Robert Herrig on "Cooperation Between Schools and Libraries." Preceding the first panel, Mrs. Schenk gave an address on "Trends Toward Cooperation." Mr. Clift spoke at the Saturday luncheon on the activities of A.L.A. and its relationship to state and regional associations. Mrs. Winnafern Moore led a discussion on "The Library and the Elementary School."

A pre-conference Workshop on Book Mending under the direction of Doris Wilson attracted about fifteen school and public librarians on Friday morning.

Officers elected for 1955-56 were: Virginia Walton, President; Mrs. Marjorie Moores, Vice President and President-elect; Mrs. Martha Hassell, Secretary; Mrs. Clare Smith, Teasurer; Harriette Cushman, President of the Friends of the Libary organization.

Kalispell was chosen as the place for the 1956 meeting, with Flathead County, Kalispell and Whitefish libraries cooperating as hosts.

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STATE LIBRARY EXTENSION COMMISSION

On June 22, Governor Aronson appointed Mrs. Frank Fulton, Plevna, to the State Library Extension Commission for a three-year term expiring May 22, 1958. She replaces Mrs. Leo C. Graybill, whose term expired in May.

The Commission announces that the position of Field Librarian will be filled by Mrs. Catherine S. Chadwick, beginning August 1st. Mrs. Chadwick, who has had teaching and school and public library experience, holds a library certificate from the University of California School of Librarianship. She comes to us from Taft, California, where she was in charge of the branch of the Kern County Library. Her husband, who is retired, and a son and daughter will move to Missoula with her. An older daughter attends college in California.

The Commission will hold its fall meeting in mid-August to discuss plans for Mrs. Chadwick's activities during her first year in Montana. The meeting is scheduled early because Ellen Torgrimson, Secretary of the Commission since its organization in 1946, has been granted a nine months' leave-of-absence to work on a Master's degree in Library Science. Miss Torgrimson plans to leave at the end of August.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

A grant of $60,000 has been awarded the Pacific Northwest Library Association by the Ford Foundation. The money will be used in support of a two-year study of university, college, school and public library facilities in the region with a view to co-ordinating and improving their services. Representing Montana on the Policy Committee to study expenditure of the grant are Kathleen Campbell, Montana State University Librarian, and Dr. Gordon B. Castle, dean of the Montana State University Graduate School. While the study will cover all libraries and present a detailed picture of library facilities and needs of all kinds, primary emphasis will be placed throughout the entire term of the project on public libraries, and particularly on those parts of our regoin which are now entirely without free library facilities or, having them, are still very poorly served.

The 1955 P.N.L.A. Conference will be held at Gearhart-by-the-sea, Oregon, August 29-31. A Library Publicity Workshop, limited to 75 persons, will be held on Monday afternoon. Those wishing to attend should make reservation now with:

Mrs. Annette Bartholomae
Multnomah County Library
Portland, Oregon.

Among the program features at the conference will be addresses on the Lewis and Clark Sesquicentennial by Richard L. Neuberger, on British and American Library Cooperation by Ralph T. Esterquest. An Author's Breakfast will be sponsored by the Young People's Division. Swimming, golfing and a clam bake are offered for entertainment. Librarians planning to attend the conference should make reservations with:

Berger Nielsen
Chamber of Commerce
Seaside, Oregon.

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AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

With the theme, "Libraries in the Life of the Nation," more than 4,000 librarians from all parts of America participated in the 74th annual conference of the American Library Association, July 3-9, in Philadelphia, where A.L.A was founded and the modern library movement launched in 1876. A.L.A. President L. Quincy Mumford, Librarian of Congress, who presided, pointed out the significance of the theme:

"The increasingly important role which libraries are taking in the nation's life is happily being recognized by leaders in all areas of endeavor because they know that the strength of our democracy lies in an informed citizenry. Libraries of today and tomorrow must continue to extend their services to meet the expanding needs of such groups as busi-

ness, labor and government, and of urban and rural communities alike. We are determined that the library shall be equal to the demand for a readily accessible place where all people may find practical information and esthetic enjoyment, where Americans may be helped to achieve the ideals of our democratic society."

John S. Richards, Librarian of the Seattle Public Library, was installed as President. Other officers elected were: First Vice President and President-elect, Dr. Ralph R. Shaw, Professor in the Graduate School of Library Service at Rutgers University (New Brunswick, N. J.); Second Vice President, Mrs. Frances Lander Spain, Supervisor of Children's Services, New York Public Library. Mildred W. Sandoe, personnel director of the Cincinnati Public Libary, was installed as President of the Public Libraries Division; John Taylor Eastlick, Librarian of the Denver Public Library, as Vice President and President-elect.

The American Library Association has received a grant of $30,000 made to one of its divisions, the Association of College and Reference Libraries, by the United States Steel Foundation, Inc. Under the terms of the grant, most of the money, in modest amounts, will be awarded exclusively through the Association directly to liberal arts colleges to strengthen or modernize library, teaching or learning tools. The remainder will be available for research by the Association on currrent college library problems.

Four state library agencies have been awarded two-year grants to help them develop long-term adult education programs based on analysis of community needs. The grants come from the A.L.A. Library-Community Project which is made possible by a grant to A.L.A. from the Fund for Adult Education. Director of the project is Ruth Warncke, whose headquarters are at A.L.A. headquarters in Chicago. The grant areas are:

Kansas Traveling Library Commission, Topeka.
Michigan State Library, Lansing.
Tennessee State Library and Archives, Nashville.
Division of Library Extension, Maryland State Department of Education, Baltimore.

Under the project, the state agencies awarded the grants develop workshops, institutes or other state or regional programs in adult education and select a pilot library to demonstrate the planning and development of a program. The pilot library—in communities under 50,000 population—makes a self-study of its adult education resources; develops a community self-study of needs and resources; formulate from these findings a long-term plan for a program; and begins activities under the plan. Miss Warncke says that any library or group of libraries outside the grant areas may request consultant

help to plan or develop adult education activities through a state agency. Four experienced consultants will be available from the national project staff and subject specialists will be employed for specific requests.

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A.L.A. WASHINGTON OFFICE

The Hearings on the Library Services Bill are now available in printed form. Copies may be secured through your Representatives. The Subcommittee hoped to bring the bill, H.R. 2840, to the full House Education and Labor Committee for a vote the week of July 18. With adjournment rumored for August 1st, it will be a tight squeeze to get the House vote, but our sponsors will try to get the bill all the way through the House this year. Next year we could then concentrate on the Senate. Rep. Metcalf is wholeheartedly in support of the bill, but Rep. Fjare opposes it on the ground that federal aid to libraries is not necessary. He states, "I am constantly fearful of Washington entering into this type of program, because history has proven that once the Federal Government gets into something, it very rarely ever gets out. And not only does it fail to discontinue this type of assistance, but invariably increases it year by year. Few things can be more dangerous than Federal governmental control over libraries, public schools, etc."

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WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION

The White House Conference on Education is scheduled for November 28-December 1, 1955. An attendance of more than 2,000 persons is expected. Seventy percent of these participants will be selected by the States and Territories, the number from each State to be based on population. The remaining thirty percent will be representatives of organizations which have taken part in the conference program in the States and Territories, members of Congress with legislative responsibilities for education, foreign observers, and others selected by the Committee.

Montana's conference will be held in Helena on October 7-8. Russ B. Hart, Hart-Albin Company, Billings, is state chairman.

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UNITED NATIONS DAY

The Tenth Anniversary of the United Nations will be observed on October 24, 1955. Librarians are urged to participate in this observance. Further information regarding this program may be obtained by writing to the following address:

United States Committee for United Nations Day
816 21st Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

A U.N. Tenth Anniversary Program Kit will be sent without charge.

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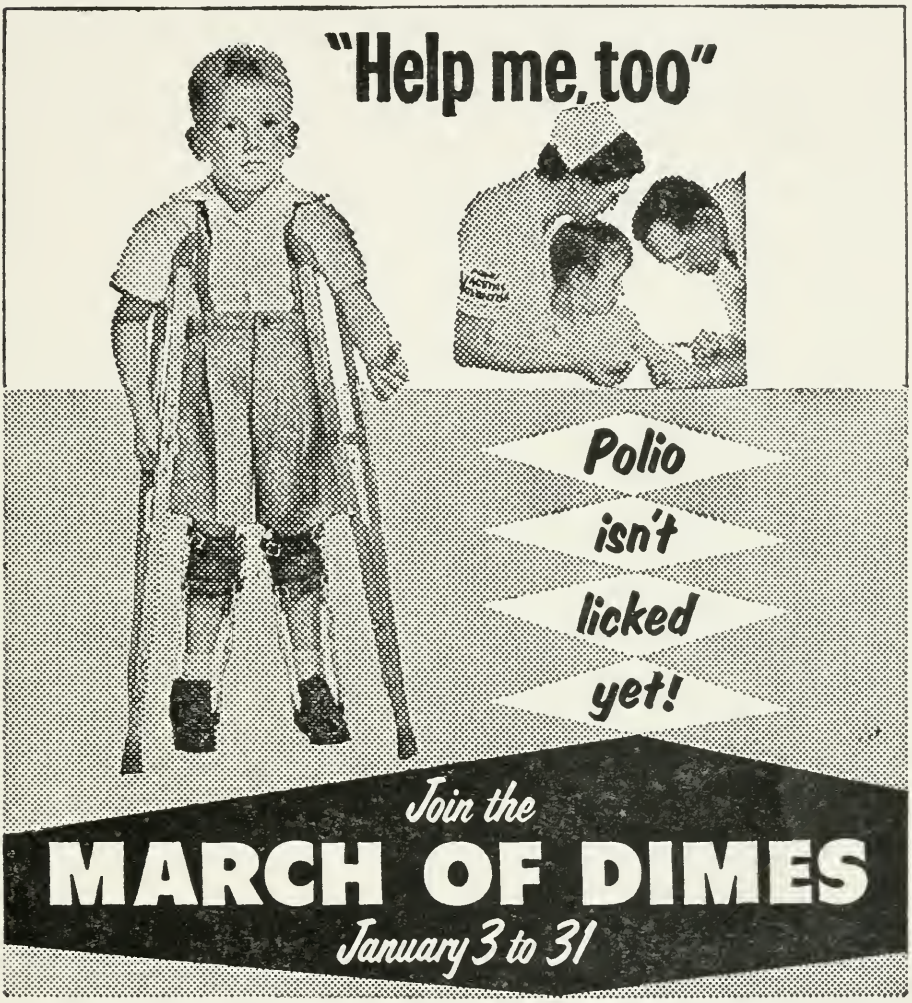

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AROUND THE STATE

Martha Hassell, librarian of the VA Hospital at Fort Harrison, gathered a group of hospital and special librarians together for a discussion of mutual problems during the recent PNLA conference. Mrs. Hassell has worked with this group for some years. . . . Mildred England, librarian at Fort Benton for several years, has accepted a position as children's librarian at Rapid City, South Dakota. . . . Mrs. J. A. Holland is acting librarian in Hardin, Big Horn County. . . . Bert Hansen of the Montana University faculty has secured for the libraries of the State a large number of fine booklets prepared by the Great Northern Railway on the Lewis and Clark Expedition, and containing an excellent map, and also several pages of excerpts from the Lewis and Clark Journals, a most unusual feature. These booklets are to be distributed to the libraries of the State, and may be obtained by school people and others interested in as large quantities as desired. For more information write the State Library Extension Commission, Missoula.

Kalispell Carnegie Library is cataloging sheet music, a collection they have had for a long time; they expect to place it in a vertical file, where it will be accessible to the public . . . and Mrs. Robert Herrig, nationally prominent clubwoman and founder of KNOW YOUR LIBRARY MONTH is in Vermillion, South Dakota, where she spoke to the South Dakota Library Association. Mrs. Herrig is librarian of Lincoln County Library. . . . Patricia Woodcock of the University Library staff recently became Mrs. Bergsing. . . . Mrs. Mabel T. Miller, librarian of Helena Public, presented the first of a series of programs in the Fall cultural series outlined for Beta Sigma Phi sorority. Mrs. Miller talked on the facets of happiness. . . . Mrs. Eunice Ward of Phillips County Library at Malta writes that their library is serving about 30 schools now. . . . Mrs. Ben Dahl, assistant librarian of Daniels County Library at Scobey, is getting excellent publicity in the Daniels County Leader. Her annotated list of new books appears weekly. . . . Virginia Walton, president of MSLA, had an organizational meeting of her executive board in Helena recently. Mrs. Alma Jacobs, Mrs. Marjorie Moores, Mrs. Martha Hassell were present at the discussions. Some of the group also attended the Montana Conference of Social Service going on at that time. . . . Mrs. Lily Eveland, Liberty librarian, spoke to the Utopia Home Demonstration Club recently. Her talk included reviews of some of the new books in the Liberty County Library and a discussion of how Friends of the Libraries can help the library. . . . Bonner Branch of the Missoula County Library has moved from its old quarters at the Margaret Hotel to a new site at Post Office-Cafe building. Mrs. Palmer Johnson, librarian, was hostess at an open house for the new building on October 6th.

S.L.E.C. NEWS

Miss Ellen Torgrimson, on leave from her duties as Secretary of the Library Extension Commission, reports from Urbana, Illinois, where she is working toward a Master's degree in Libary Science, that she has a very busy time with her classes.

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FROM THE 1953-55 BIENNIAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR OF MONTANA:

During the first ten years of its operation, the Library Commission has:

Developed a book collection of 24,472 volumes.

Acquired assets amounting to $50,000 in furniture and equipment.

Served an indeterminate number of Montana citizens with books, other printed materials and information.

Supplied consultant service and assistance in professional techniques to school and public libraries.

Cooperated with institutions of higher learning in supplying books for students.

Assisted in the work of the State Correspondence School and other state institutions.

Furnished book exhibits for organizations, school workshops and conventions.

Worked closely with the State Library Association in planning for the extension of good library service to all sections of the State.

Published a quarterly bulletin, MONTANA LIBRARIES, for distribution to Montana librarians, library school, state library agencies, and others who are interested in receiving it.

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THE S.L.E.C. ASSEMBLES PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS AND SERVES AS A CLEARING HOUSE FOR INFORMATION REGARDING LIBRARY SERVICE IN MONTANA.

In Montana only 27 counties have established county libraries, and many of these cannot support adequate library service because of their low taxable valuations. One county has no public library within its borders; in other counties the rural population does not have access to any public library service. These are the areas which the Library Commission primarily is designed to serve. Each year more and more people become aware of the services offered by the Commission and take advantage of them. That the service is appreciated

is evidence almost daily by the grateful letters which come in from patrons all over the State. Their appreciation was graphically demonstrated during the 1955 Legislative Assembly. Appealed to for help in securing an increased appropriation, library friends and patrons throughout the State responded with a flood of letters to legislators telling of the pleasure and benefits from the books sent out from the Commission library.

During the 1953-1954 fiscal year, the Library Commission shipped 29,393 books; during the year ended June 30, 1955, it shipped 32,814 books. It is impossible to estimate how many people have enjoyed these books, because libraries and schools are permitted to circulate the collections for three months or longer, and books loaned to individuals may be read by other members of the family or passed on to friends before being returned. Recorded circulation for the biennium:

	1953-1954		1954-1955
Juvenile	34,141		34,266
Adult	15,285		15,870
Grand Total		99,562	
Interlibrary Loan		1,198	
Rural Reading Program		1,049	

In May 1954, a Gaylord Charging Machine was installed, which quickly proved its value in time saving and in accuracy. Other new equipment included a four-section unit of wood shelving, a typewriter with special platen for typing cards, and a large work table. Expenditures for the biennium:

Salaries	$18,594.52
Books	7,996.77
Travel	1,364.93
Furniture and Equipment	716.66
Office Supplies and Operation	2,151.83
P. E. R. S. Contribution	476.27
	$31,299.98
Balance	$ 97.97

The appropriation made for the State Library Extension Commission by the 1953 Legislative Assembly was $31,352.00.

Because the amount provided for the P. E. R. S. contribution was not sufficient to cover necessary payments, a suppplemental appropriation of $45.95 was granted by the 1955 Assembly.

Spot announcements have been prepared and delivered to 15 radio stations in Montana by the Extension Service. The announcements publicize local events and other subjects of local interest related to libraries . . . The service will have to be

interrupted during the rest of October while the Commission Library is moving to other quarters on the campus, but will be taken up again for libraries desiring it. . . . If you have access to a radio station and would like to hear spot announcements regarding the library's services to communities, write the Commission your ideas. . . . Miss Kathleen Campbell, chairman of the Extension Commission, has appointed a committee to serve as advisers to the Commission in planning the pattern of use of federal funds, if they become available through the Library Services Act. Invited to serve on the committee are Mrs. Ruth Longworth, past president of the MSLA, Mrs. Catherine Chadwick, Library Consultant of SLEC, Miss Lesley Heathcote, librarian of Montana State College, and Miss Virginia Walton, president of MSLA and the chairman of the Library Development Committee of MSLA. Miss Campbell will act as consultant to the committee. . . . Mrs. Chadwick attended a meeting of the Survey Committee of the Whitefish-Carnegie Public Library-Flathead County Public Library group October 6. The meeting was called to discuss possibilities of eventual unification of the three systems in that area. Present at the meeting were representatives of city and county library boards and the press. The main discussion centered on the question of how better library service could be given to the county areas north of Whitefish, not a part of the Whitefish city system. Methods of voluntary unofficial cooperation were discussed, and it was suggested that Mrs. Chadwick prepare some figures on the costs of unified systems as compared with those of several individual systems. . . . Columbia Falls representatives reported that their new building, a gift of the Anaconda Company, is to be set on a foundation provided by the Community, and that service will begin soon with a collection of books from Flathead County Library.

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PNLA BY THE SEA

Montana was well represented at the annual conference of the Pacific Northwest Library Association, held this year August 29-31 at Gearhart, Oregon. The famous old hotel there and nearby motels and hotels in Seaside furnished accommodations for the group of librarians assembled from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, British Columbia, and Montana. One event of historic interest was the vote of the group to admit Alberta, Canada, as a new member of the PNLA group. The general feeling of the association was that the association would become even more international in character, and that this was a very good thing for all concerned. Two workshops in which Montana librarians were leaders were those on adult education, held Sunday evening before the conference actually

began, with Mrs. Merwin Moores as chairman, and the Institute on Public Relations, under the directorship of Miss Lesley Heathcote. Miss Kathleen Campbell, as a member of the executive committee of the PNLA Library Development Survey and Mrs. Catherine Chadwick, of the Regional Policy Committee of 22 met with the latter committee at breakfast to discuss the question of directorship of the survey. It was the consensus of feeling in the group, however, that nothing can be really decided until the new director of the University of Washington School of Librarianship takes office.

Miss Virginia Walton, president of the Montana State Library Association, gathered Montana librarians together for a luncheon August 30. Present were Miss Ann Whitmack, Billings; Miss Rita McDonald, State College at Bozeman; Miss Alice Ridenour and Miss Eileen Morrison of the same institution, Miss Margaret Hileman of Bozeman Public Library, Mr. and Mrs. Merwin Moores of Havre Public and Northern Montana College Libraries, Mrs. Mabel T. Miller and Mrs. Gertrude Tomashek of Helena Public, Mrs. Alma Jasobs and Mrs. Nydia Moore of Great Falls Public, Mrs. Martha Hassell of VA Hospital Library, Fort Harrison, and Mrs. Catherine Chadwick, Library Consultant of SLEC.

An event of international interest was the banquet preceding the conference attended by past presidents of PNLA and honoring Willard Ireland, president of the Canada Library Association, and John Richards, president of the American Library Association, both of whom are past-presidents of PNLA. Miss Kathleen Campbell of Montana State University Library was present. The informal gaiety of the whole conference was climaxed by the clambake on the beach Wednesday evening, after which madrigal singers and folk dancers entertained the group in the hotel.

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NEW LIBRARY BUILDINGS IN MONTANA

Montana State University Library in Missoula is getting ready for the big move soon. Method selected for moving is packaging in twine. . . . Father James White of Carroll College is involved in building plans. . . . Mrs. S. Howe, librarian of Helena High School, is proud of her glamorous new library. . . . Mrs. Joan Carpenter, newly arrived from Minnesota University Library School, has inherited the old Helena High School Library for the Junior High School Library. . . . Whitefish Library Association's fund for building is growing. They sell gift books which the library collection cannot use to augment it . . . and Parmly Billings Public Library has a new bookmobile.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Miss Harriette Cushman of Bozeman is State Chairman, and Mrs. Clarence Wehr is Secretary of the Montana Friends. Columbus (Stillwater County) is organizing a group. . . . Hill County Friends are planning a rummage sale to send a group of Friends to the MSLA meeting in Kalispell in May. . . . Hill County Friends also held a dinner October 6 at the First Lutheran Church in Havre, presenting Dan Whetstone of Cutbank, author of a new book on Montana: I SAW THE OLD WEST FADE. . . . Whitefish Friends have been very active in raising money for their new library. . . . Home Demonstration Clubs in Plains met to discuss a Friends group for that area. Winifred Burdick of the Plains Public Library answered questions about the advantages of a county set-up there, with the possibility of a bookmobile for rural service. . . . Mrs. Lily Eveland spoke to Liberty County home demonstration group on the value of Friends.

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KNOW YOUR LIBRARY MONTH

The second of two years, 1954-1955, is of special importance and appeal to Montana librarians since our own Inez Herrig has promoted and sponsored it with the General Federation of Women's Clubs throughout the United States. Mrs. Herrig this year has prepared work sheets of suggestions for librarians and clubwomen, and will be glad to send them to any librarians who desire them. Library boards, clubs and organizations of all kinds should be informed of the fact that this is KNOW YOUR LIBRARY MONTH, and furthermore that it is the brainchild of one of our own Montana librarians. If you would like a Book Fair to display in your town or community, ask the SLEC. We will be happy to send you a collection of children's books, new and attractive, to use for publicity purposes and to interest people in books. If your town does not have a book store, perhaps a local merchant would permit you to display books in his store window. Perhaps some of the clubs meeting in your area would like to use the books for a display table at one of their November meetings. Let's make KNOW YOUR LIBRARY MONTH the biggest thing in library news in Montana for November 1955!

School Library

BILL OF RIGHTS

School libraries are concerned with generating understanding of American freedoms and with the preservation of these freedoms through the development of informed and responsible citizens. To this end the American Association of School Librarians reaffirms the Library Bill of Rights of the American Library Association and asserts that the responsibility of the school library is:

To provide materials that will enrich and support the curriculum, taking into consideration the varied interests, abilities, and maturity levels of the pupils served.

To provide materials that will stimulate growth in factual knowledge, literary appreciation, aesthetic values, and ethical standards.

To provide a background of information which will enable pupils to make intelligent judgments in their daily life.

To provide materials on opposing sides of controversial issues so that young citizens may develop under guidance the practice of critical reading and thinking.

To provide materials representative of the many religious, ethnic, and cultural groups and their contributions to our American heritage.

To place principle above personal opinion and reason above prejudice in the selection of materials of the highest quality in order to assure a comprehensive collection appropriate for the users of the library.

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Missoula, Montana

GREETINGS . . .

From Virginia Walton

M.S.L.A. President

Here is 1956, another year of decision for the future of our libraries. The support we have been rallying toward a successful vote on the Federal Library Services Bill through the past year should be given renewed impetus during these last days before the final vote. And the success or failure of the vote will be almost entirely **our** responsibility, collectively and individually, both for the support mustered up among all the citizenry who recognize the importance of really adequate library service and for our own part in maintaining a tradition that makes books an integral part of a community's life.

And ours will be a continuing responsibility far beyond this year, for we must keep right on in this "knowing and growing" process in the library world. Growth inevitably is progressive; we stretch ourselves to know new library trends and find ourselves more imaginative and purposeful in our own library spheres; and all at once we find we are literally growing in this wonderful service world we have chosen. MSLA by the same token reflects our individual growth, for you and I together form a multitude!

Congressman Lee Metcalf Says Fewer Than Half of Montanans Have Adequate Library Service

Meaning of Library Services Bill to Montana

Lee Metcalf

Books to people — this is a goal for which librarians all over our nation have been working for a number of years. Yet there are still some twenty-seven million Americans in the United States who do not have access to a local public library and about fifty-three million more who receive only inadequate public library service. These facts were brought out in May of last year when a Subcommittee of the House Education and Labor Committee held hearings on the Library Services Bill.

Librarians, trustees, Friends of Libraries, and persons interested in the welfare of the state and its citizens should write at once to Mr. Lee Metcalf, Congressional representative from the First District of Montana in Washington, D. C., and to Mr. Orvin Fjare of the Second District, as well as to Senators Mike Mansfield and James E. Murray, urging early passage of the Library Services Bill.

Propose Rural Area Aid

This bill, which authorizes the expenditure of seven and a half million dollars in Federal funds each year for a five year period, would make these funds available to the states on a matching basis for the extension and development of public library service. This aid is limited to the rural areas of the country because it was found that about ninety percent of the people,

who have either poor service or no library service at all, reside in our rural communities. One important feature of the bill gives the state library agency complete authority over the development of a plan for the use of the funds as well as the authority to carry out the plan once the funds are available.

As many of you know, I was one of the twenty-seven Representatives sponsoring the Library Services Bill in the current Congress. I also served on the Subcommittee which handled the hearings and assisted in getting the bill reported favorably by the House Education and Labor Committee last July. The bill now goes to the Rules Committee and, if given favorable action there, goes to the House for a floor vote.

Hope To Boost Library Service

What will the passage of this measure mean to Montana? There are about 143,995 people in our state without local public library service. It has also been said that although seventy-five percent of Montana's citizens have access to local public library service, less than half could be considered as having adequate service. There are now twenty-six county libraries, but many counties have such low taxable valuations that they cannot support good library service. The Federal assistance made possible by the passage of the Library Services Bill would give library service the boost it needs at a time when the added support is so necessary. In the five-year period of this program, the Montana State Library Extension Commission would be able to demonstrate good public library service in many of the needed areas of our state.

Our library service needs a spark today and the Library Services Bill would provide it. It will not solve the whole problem of lack of service or of inadequate service, but it would do much to bring more books to more people in our land. Never have we needed this more than at the present time.

Trends in Historical Writing in Montana

K. Ross Toole

As a matter of fact, I'm not sure that there **is** a trend in historical writing in Montana. There is, however, a trend in historical reading and maybe those who are writing, both in an avocational and professional way are beginning to be cognizant of it. All over the country, of course, the historical novel has enjoyed unprecedented popularity in the past decade or so. The appetite of the reading public for fiction well rooted in history is voracious.

MONTANA, THE MAGAZINE OF WESTERN HISTORY, which operates on the philosophy that you can publish documented and carefully researched history and still make it palatable, is a case in point. It has the largest circulation of any magazine of history in the U. S., save only AMERICAN HERITAGE which is more a book than a magazine and is backed by thousands and thousands of dollars.

Montana competes (at a dollar a single copy) on newsstands with the nation's slickest magazines. Its newsstand growth in all western states is quite amazing.

This is true because there is a tremendous market for this kind of thing. An unsettled age turns people's minds to the past. But the intelligent person wants facts. He wants them palaable, but he wants facts. He also wants atmosphere. He wants to know the **feel** of the times, the place and the people.

BIG SKY Filled With "Facts"

An historical novel like A. B. Guthrie's **Big Sky** is fiction in the strict sense. Yet in a broad sense it is history—meticulously researched, true to the times, felicitously written. A tremendous number of "facts" are thrown at the reader. In terms of getting history on the market, fiction can thus serve as an admirable vehicle. I know that such a concept has a certain heretical aspect to it. But it still has merit.

The point is, I think, that the appetite for things about the past can be satisfied by fiction or non-fiction and, well done, either approach has a market of substance.

450 Copies In Few Weeks

George Weisel's **Men and Trade on the Northwest Frontier,** a recent publication of the University of Montana Press, for instance, is a book built around an old Fort Owen journal. It covers the years 1850 to 1860 at the fort. It is voluminously documented and tightly edited. It is a very fine book, but not one which could be classified as "popular" history. Yet a few short weeks after publication it had sold some 450 copies and orders were still coming in. Again, this is an example of the appetite for history.

Books like Paul Sharp's WHOOP UP COUNTRY and Edgar I. Stewart's CUSTER'S LUCK are putting the University Presses into a state of solvency they have never enjoyed before. Yet they satisfy the criterion on which such presses must operate: scholarship first and sales second.

Perhaps the country's best University Press, Oklahoma, has turned out a simply prodigious number of books on history, with emphasis on the west. They have even reprinted such old timers as Dimsdale's **Vigilantes** — and with obvious success.

How long the boom will last is anybody's guess, but chances are it isn't really a boom but a long term trend. It will probably last as long as the world sits on the edge of atomic catastrophe.

To budding historians and historical novelists this all has promise. Montana writers have yet to take full advantage of it, but they doubtless will. The market will probably be there for a long, long time.

AROUND THE STATE . . .

Friends of Libraries groups are springing up all over the sttae, according to Harriette Cushman, state president of the group. If the library minded persons of both sexes and all organizational and cultural interests in your area haven't got together yet, write Miss Cushman in Bozeman for suggestions as to how to organize.

An especially dramatic beginning was made in **CUT BANK** with the Friends bringing together 150 persons of all organizations and interests to promote library interests. **DIXON** is beginning to organize a library under the auspices of the Woman's Club and with an ambitious program. Mrs. Lucille Thompson, sister of Alma Jacobs, Great Falls librarian, and herself a trained librarian, is helping with the project.

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY people are moved into their new wing while reconstruction goes on apace in the old. **State Library Extension** personnel eased themselves into the old ASMU Building on the campus at Missoula. Mrs. Catherine Chadwick, Library Consultant from the SLEC, has visited in the last two months, Glasgow, Malta, Havre, Great Falls, Helena, Corvallis, Bozeman, meeting with library staffs, trustees, Friends groups, county commissioners, and other interested groups.

In Helena, January 5th, the AAUW had a symposium on library matters, discussing school libraries, public libraries, the Library Services Bill, and enjoying the beautiful new **HELENA HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY.** Hostess Sonna Howe pointed out its features. Joan Carpenter, Helena Junior High School librarian, Winnafern Moore, of the State Department of Education, Martha Hassell of Fort Harrison Veterans' Hospital Library, and Mrs. Chadwick took part in the discussion, joined by many members of the group. Mabel Miller of the Helena Library and Virginia Walton, Montana Historical Society librarian, were interested participants. The group went on record as planning to assist in the formation of a Helena Friends group.

January 10-11 Mrs. Chadwick attended the annual meeting of county agents and home demonstration personnel in Bozeman.

WHITEFISH PUBLIC is considering building with the Whitefish Fire Department for more economy in arrangement and upkeep.

Maude M. Baltzell is reference assistant to Virginia Walton at the Historical Library. Miss Baltzell is a real Montanan, has attended school in the state, but is a graduate of Simmons College and has been in the service.

Miss Lesley Heathcote at Montana State College in Bozeman is working on plans for an addition to the library. Miss Heathcote has just published the second issue of the **Montana Library Quarterly** and reports having received favorable comment from outside the state as well as within. The Quarterly also is doing well with the advertising program and has shown a considerable profit for the two numbers issued so far.

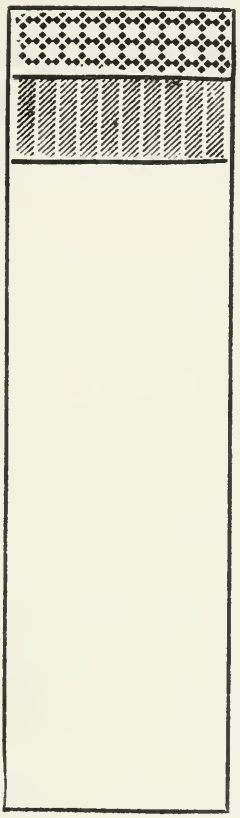
Statistics Reveal Below-Minimum Status

Public library statistics have been placed in comparative order this time. Chamber of Commerce estimates on population have been used instead of 1950 census as in many cases drastic population increases have changed the per capita appropriation figures from adequate to sub-adequate amounts. Remembering that A.L.A. standards (1948, and already outmoded) advocated $1.50 as minimum, $2.25-$2.50 as basic, and $3.00 as superior, we can see that our library support is far below minimum figures, a fact known to us all anyhow, but more graphically revealed by the figures.

3 libraries have basic support (2.25-2.50 per capita.)

9 libraries have minimum (1.50 per capita)

4/5 or 48 libraries have below minimum per capita appropriation.



New library standards, in process at the present time, stress "systems" of library service incorporating areas of not less than 100,000 population and with financial support of not less than $100,000 serving through smaller units sensitive to community needs and wants with trained consultant personnel and well-selected materials, non-book as well as book, and hours which fit the community pattern.

Sixty libraries reporting, nine have minimum support of $1.50 and three have basic support of $2.25-$2.50 per capita. No library except Fairview High School, which also serves the public meets the requirement for superior support of $3.00 per capita.

PUBLIC LIBRARY STATISTICS — 1954-55

*Population estimates Chamber of Commerce 1954

City or County	Librarian	Population Served	Mill Levy	Total Income	Per Cap. Approp.	Vol. in Library	Circulation
(Libraries serving population 10,000-50,000 and above)							
Parmly Billings Mem.	Ann Whitmack	*40,000		75,114.27	1.63	64,262	236,511
Butte	Julie Leyden	*40,000	1.95	varies	varies	60,560	85,090
Great Falls	Alma S. Jacobs	*50,000	3.50	97,386.75	1.92	75,594	219,454
Missoula	Evelyn Swant	*40,000	city 2.25 county 1.63	45,893.81	1.12	76,149	170,103
(Libraries serving population 10,000-25,000)							
Anaconda (Hearst Free)	Florence Catlin	*16,000	2	15,553.76	.97	20,713	34,810
Bozeman	Margaret Hileman	11,325	3	18,050.00	1.59	13,641	63,461
Glacier Co. (Cutbank)	Ruth Longworth	*10,000	1.66	21,581.00	2.16	29,099	141,486
Glasgow City—County	Helen Ewing	11,353	3.5	9,020.00	.79	26,275	58,599
Cascade Co. (Great Falls)	Amy Patterson	13,013	.57	12,472.00	.90	20,649	37,777
Big Horn Co. (Hardin)	Laura M. Carter	10,000	1.00	8,924.91	.89	14,947	30,284
Havre Public	Mary Antunes	*10,400	2.2	9,971.00	1.00	16,748	37,402
Helena Public	Mabel T. Miller	*18,741	1.5	22,430.00	1.19	73,343	73,385
Kalispell Carnegie	Jeanne Sturdivant	*16,000	3.1	15,940.00	.99	23,997	75,972
Flathead Co. (Kalispell)	Cornelia Sherman	18,490	1.3	13,216.00	.71	21,859	94,455
Miles City	Clare Smith	*11,000	2.5	13,000.00	1.18	17,804	51,129
Roosevelt Co. (Wolfpoint)	Bernice A. Hanson	*10,000	.83	8,350.00	.84	11,470	27,413

City or County	Librarian	Population Served	Mill Levy	Total Income	Per Cap. Approp.	Vol. in Library	Circulation
(Libraries serving population 5,000-10,000)							
Choteau Co. (Fort Benton)		6,974	.9	12,235.91	1.77	22,604	21,482
Glendive Public	Peryl Coombs	5,254	2.6	7,600.00	1.45	9,752	21,798
Hill Co. rural	Marjorie Moores	6,199	.5	5,395.00	.87	9,613	30,262
Lewistown	K. Elizabeth Pittman	*7,812	3	70,065.00	1.29	14,760	65,961
Lincoln Co.—Libby	Inez R. Herrig	8,693	2	15,395.44	1.77	22,257	98,129
Livingston Public	Helen Ross	*8,000	3.33	19,835.66	2.48	16,397	100,352
Phillips Co.—Malta	Eunice Ward	6,334		3,420.00	.54	10,240	21,477
Roundup Public	Gertrude Cooper	5,408	1.5	1,625.00	.30	6,505	14,300
Sheridan Co.—Plentywood	Dorothy Anhalt	6,674	.5	5,100.00	.76	7,700	27,000
Stillwater Co.—Columbus	Helen Pritchard	5,416	1	6,500.00	1.20	17,125	51,168
Toole Co.—Shelby	Mrs. W. M. Black	6,687	2			15,410	40,122
Thompson-Hickman (Virginia City)	Florence J. Thomas	5,998				6,908	3,731
Whitefish**	Mrs. Mabel Engelter	5,700		2,700.00	.47	9,400	21,660
(Libraries serving population 1,000-5,000)							
Big Timber Carnegie	Mrs. Sarah Fallang	1,679	3	4,398.21	2.62	10,421	17,673
Broadwater Co.—Townsend	Florence Muzzy	2,922	.33	1,251.76	.43	5,028	19,363
Carbon Co.—Red Lodge			2	3,500.00	1.29	8,299	14,447
Choteau Public	Clara M. Roberts	1,618	none	varies		8,094	284
G. McClone Public—Circle	Mabel F. Fillenworth	3,258	.75	5,623.00	1.72	9,027	11,837
Daniels Co.—Scobey	Mrs. Ben Dahl	3,946	.31			9,052	5,349
Dillon Public	Mary Innes	3,268	3.5	1,260.00	.37	18,270	15,003
Garfield Co.—Jordan	Doris M. Mart	2,172	.5	varies		1,904	4,645
Harlowton Public	Georgia R. James	1,733				7,267	14,442
Hysham—Treasure Co.	Helen M. Henricks			35.00		1,012	

**Population Figure of 5,700 includes area outside city of Whitefish.

City or County	Librarian	Population Served	Mill Levy	Total Income	Per Cap. Approp.	Vol. in Library	Circulation
Judith Basin—Stanford	Eva R. Wineman	3,200	.67	4,850.00	1.51	10,541	17,911
Laurel Public	Francis Fenton	3,663	2.5			9,090	17,979
Liberty Co.—Chester	Lilly Eveland	2,180	.2	1,007.50	.46	3,980	5,682
Meagher Co.—White Sulphur Spgs.	Martha Dunkel	1,025	.3	327,57	.32	7,202	3,779
Mineral Co.—Superior	Vernice K. Hardman	2,081	.71	2,152.34	1.08	6,211	11,174
Philipsburg Free	Francis Harrington	1,048		300.00		3,000	
Polson City	Mildred Pillotte	2,280	2	2,881.73	1.27	11,730	24,068
Poplar	Kate L. Hanson	1,169	1	720.00	.61	4,050	4,217
Red Lodge	Marion E. Adams	2,730					
Sidney	Mrs. Sarah Kittelson	3,987	2.5	1,636.86	1.54	9,377	19,362
Terry	Mrs. William Ganson	2,377					
(Libraries serving population up to 1,000)							
Belfry	Mrs. R. E. Hall	752		375.00	.49	4,050	1,161
Bridger	Madge Stiert	854		varies		6,910	3,172
Culbertson	Kathryn Garbe	779				2,726	5,300
Dodson	Emily Emerson	333				3,262	1,091
Fairfield	Gladys Ellingson	693					3,299
Fairview H. S.	Mary L. Kojancik	942		2,885.00	3.06	2,497	
Froid	Grace Luebke	555					
Hodson	Carrie Loebach	205		200.00	.98	1,825	2,770
Plains	Winifred Burdick	714	3	926.00	1.29	4,537	5,920
Powder River Public—Broadus	Mary Watters	517	.25	700.00		1,469	2,500
Reedpoint	Irene Barnum	45				2,000	600
Thompson Falls	Mrs. Lester Kemmerer	815	2	693.00	.85		3,964
Wisdom	Mrs. George Cottrell	819				2,345	988
Wibaux Womans Club	Mrs. D. L. Collins	739		360.00	.49	3,411	

TELLING THE LIBRARY STORY . . .

Howard Samuelson

Have you ever walked a few blocks out of your way to make a purchase at your favorite store? Ever drive past several gas stations to pull in at a station where you know you will get special attention?

Of course you have.

We all like to patronize a store or firm where somebody makes us feel really welcome.

Some years ago a newspaper chain spent thousands of dollars on a survey to discover what customers dislike about retail stores. It was the most costly, the most scientific, and the most thorough survey ever made of retail selling problems. One of the questions was:

"What do you dislike about the stores in this town?"

Almost two-fifths—some 40 per cent—of all answers were the same: Discourteous clerks. There were four times as many complaints about discourtesy as about poor value—13 times as many complaints about discourtesy as about delivery delays. In other words, discourtesy of clerks was by far the biggest killer of retail sales.

FLASH! FLASH! FLASH!

Montana State Library Association will meet in Kalispell-Whitefish area May 4, 5, 6, 1956. Plan now to attend.

If courtesy is so important in business, it is just as important for librarians to get along with THEIR customers—the library's patrons.

It seems to me that there are at least four elements in any librarian-patron contact:

1. The interest shown by the library assistant in the patron's problems.

This is extremely important if the library is to win friends and build good will—you might call it "personalizing" library service. You have to make the library's patrons feel that you have a real and sincere interest in their problems and must strive at all times to give sympathetic, helpful, and understanding service.

SMILES PAY OFF

Always greet people with a friendly smile. This is the Golden Rule of all selling. If you are friendly, enthusiastic, and show genuine interest in people's problems, they will leave feeling the library is a

helpful and pleasant place to come to. The taxpayer gets his money's worth when he gets service with a smile.

Try to help patrons before they have to ask for help. Most patrons are somewhat awed and bewildered when they walk into a library. So try to put them at ease and at home as soon as possible. Approach the patron with "May I help you?" or something similar. Don't wait for the patron to address **you.** However, learn to sense when a patron is browsing and would not like to be interrupted and when a person actually needs help and information.

Make patrons feel that you are knocking yourself out to help them. Every librarian has had a patron tell him that they did not want to put him to "all that trouble"—that they did not want him to go to "all that bother."

When a patron asks for a book that is out, always inquire whether possible some other book may do and suggest a title or two. Never say to a patron "I'm sorry, the book is out"—even if you know that it is. Instead, say, "I think the book is out, but I'll be glad to look." Then if the book is not on the shelf, be sure to ask the patron if he would like to leave a reserve for the book.

To be released March 1956, the moving picture "Storm Center" starring Bette Davis tells the story of a small town librarian and the activities of self-appointed censors. The picture was made in the Santa Rosa, California, Public Library.

SUGGEST LOANS

If the library does not have material on a certain subject, be sure to suggest inter-library loan from the Montana State Library Extension Commission or some other library.

Finally, practice the art of keeping busy while looking interruptable. Patrons almost always hesitate to ask questions of assistants who LOOK busy.

2. The quality of the information given by the assistant.

Questions should be answered as rapidly and efficiently as possible. Information should be complete and accurate.

In answering telephone questions, always give the **source** for your answer. Do not rely on your memory alone, no matter how simple the question. (This protects you and makes the data seem more authentic to the patron.)

Never tell a patron that the library does not have the answer. Simply say that you have not as yet been able to locate the answer. There is an important difference. Also ask him if he would like you to continue to search. It is a good practice to put down the name and

telephone number of the patron in case you should find the answer later. A follow-up call at a later date will make a lasting and favorable impression and build goodwill for the library.

If you feel you have exhausted the library's resources, always suggest some other agency that might be able to give the needed information. Sometimes it is a good idea to check with the agency by phone beforehand to be sure the information is available.

Unanswered questions or incompletely answered questions should always be referred to your supervisor.

3. The library assistant's politeness.

Be courteous, patient, and polite at all times. Do not argue with patrons or become angry in dealing with library users. Try always to be patient, calm and understanding—and sometimes this is a difficult feat.

NAMES IMPORTANT

Remember the names of your patrons. Did you ever take your clothes to a laundry or cleaners for the first time, and then have the clerk remember your name the very next time you came in. Remember how pleased you felt about it? It made you feel like a person of consequence.

In answering the telephone, try through the tone of your voice to indicate readiness for service and sincere interest in the problem being stated. Never let the patron know that you have already answered a dozen other questions that morning.

Another problem is the waiting patron. Every librarian needs to learn and develop a technique of serving more than one customer at a time. If several persons are waiting at the desk while you are taking care of one patron, always take a few seconds to greet them and to explain that you will be with them in a moment.

If you are serving a patron when the telephone rings, say to the patron: "Will you excuse me a minute, while I answer the telephone?" Then try to get back to the patron as soon as possible.

4. The assistant's appearance and speech.

The library assistant should be neatly and attractively dressed. Her voice should be pleasing and indicate interest in the patron's problem.

Repeaters are the only profitable customers in any business. So our big object as librarians should be to get people to come again—and like it, too.

Articles in the paper may attract people to the library, but the way they are received and treated when they do come in will determine whether they become constant users and friends or leave never to return.

Sins Catch Up with Mystery Novelist

Miss Margaret Sherf

The other day in Cut Bank one of my sins caught up with me. I went there to speak at the first dinner of the Friends of the Library, and stayed with old friends. John, a boy of eleven or so, was excited at the prospect of meeting a mystery writer. "I bet she wrote the Nancy Drew books," he told his mother.

"Margaret would never have written anything like that," she said.

John is not easily put off, and the first thing he asked me was, "Do you know about the Nancy Drew books?"

"Yes," I confessed, "I wrote one of them."

"I sure like them. "They're my favorites, next to the Hardy Boys."

My telling him they were trash was about as effective as a bartender saying he didn't approve of liquor.

I visited the seventh grade, and in an effort to undo some of the damage I had wrought, I told them, "If you want to write you must read good things—not Nancy Drew and the Hardy Boys."

They came right back. "Why not?"

Quality Neglected

"Because you won't develop any style unless you read things written with style," I said. But it went deeper than that, and I tried to analyze my own feelings about it. I have not so far forgotten my youth as to believe youngsters formerly read only Dickens. But I note a present tendency to neglect quality, to ridicule scholarship, to avoid all forms of mental exertion. It isn't decent to be on the high school honor roll. Homework is something you should handle with half your brain while you look at television.

What happens to a highly developed technical society with this strange attitude toward the human intellect? One result of our desertion of genuine scholarship was forcefully aired the other night by Admiral Louis Strauss, who fears we will shortly be out of scientists unless we pull ourselves up smartly.

Bernard DeVoto, just before his death, looking back on twenty years of The Easy Chair, observed, "Harper's and the Atlantic are the only survivors of what was called the Quality Group when I was in college . . . All the other original members of the group have died and only two magazines that can be considered to belong to it have been established, Fortune and the New Yorker." It's a rare home indeed where these magazines are lying around for a youngster to see. But he will find them in the public library.

1400 EXPECTED

Mid-winter meeting of the ALA at Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, January 29-February 4 is expected to draw 1400 librarians from all over the United States. This meeting is growing in importance each year as the association grows in size. The executive boards and section meetings, as well as special committees and groups will get together and discuss the many important questions facing the profession for the year.

Library Last Refuge

The last stronghold of quality, the last refuge from television, is the public library. Here the brainy child, or the average child with a useful amount of good sense, can find the best in reading matter, and not be ridiculed for enjoying it.

Why does the library need friends? Surely nobody is an enemy of the library? A librarian is not usually a good fighter. She is often a quiet, gentle sort of person, without the political astuteness or the heavy epidermis needed to battle for her institution County commissioners and city councils have a well known passion for machinery, and only a tolerance for books. These Friends of Machinery are not consciously trying to starve their libraries, but the hypnotic spell of a glittering new road scraper may cause them to lop off a few hundred dollars from the library levy and add it to the machinery fund — unless they're afraid they'll be caught.

Here's where Friends of the Library enters the picture. The thoughtful, public-spirited members of the community get together and say, 'We're friends of the library. Anything we can do to strengthen our library, to make our librarian's life easier, to encourage reading in our town, we'll do."

Everything in the country is merchandised, except first class thinking. Our attention is yanked here and there by the hucksters of millions of things we simply cannot do without." We are apt to let the library languish, because it isn't making any noise. The library needs friends because there are so many loud friends of everything else.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO . . .

Take a survey of library use in your community . . . who uses the library . . . how far away they live . . . why they do NOT use the library . . . constructive criticism . . .

Plan a public relations program, including a series of news stories, feature articles, posters, radio spot announcements (on public service time) . . . to make people in your area aware of the services you offer?

Arrange a program-planning institute for your community, inviting community leaders and newly elected officers to a workshop-type conference to discuss club-work in your community, how to get better programs, how to be a better presiding officer, how to get people to take part in meetings . . .

Start, or instigate a FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY group in your area? Friends have done much in many places to awaken public interest and support of libraries . . .

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OR ALL OF THESE POSSIBILITIES, WRITE your State Library Extension Commission. We are ready to help you in any or all of these projects to make your library as a community center better and better known.

Awards Announced

Board of Awards of the ALA announces the following awards and citations to be made at ALA in Miami Beach, June 17-23. All associations and librarians are urged to send in nominations for these awards. **Melvil Dewey Medal** for proficiency in tools and technicques of librarianship; **Letter Library Award** for emphasis on the human qualities of librarianship; **Joseph Lippincott Award** for outstanding participation in library affairs; **Grolier Society Award** for stimulation of reading in young people; **Dutton-Macrae Award,** a fellowship for advanced study in the work with children; **Trustee Citation** for outstanding trustee achievement; **John Cotton Dana Publicity Award** for outstanding public relations program in newspaper publicity; **Margaret Mann Citation** for cataloging; **Newbery** and **Caldecott** medal books will be announced in March. Librarians interested in nominations for these awards please write the SLEC, Missoula.

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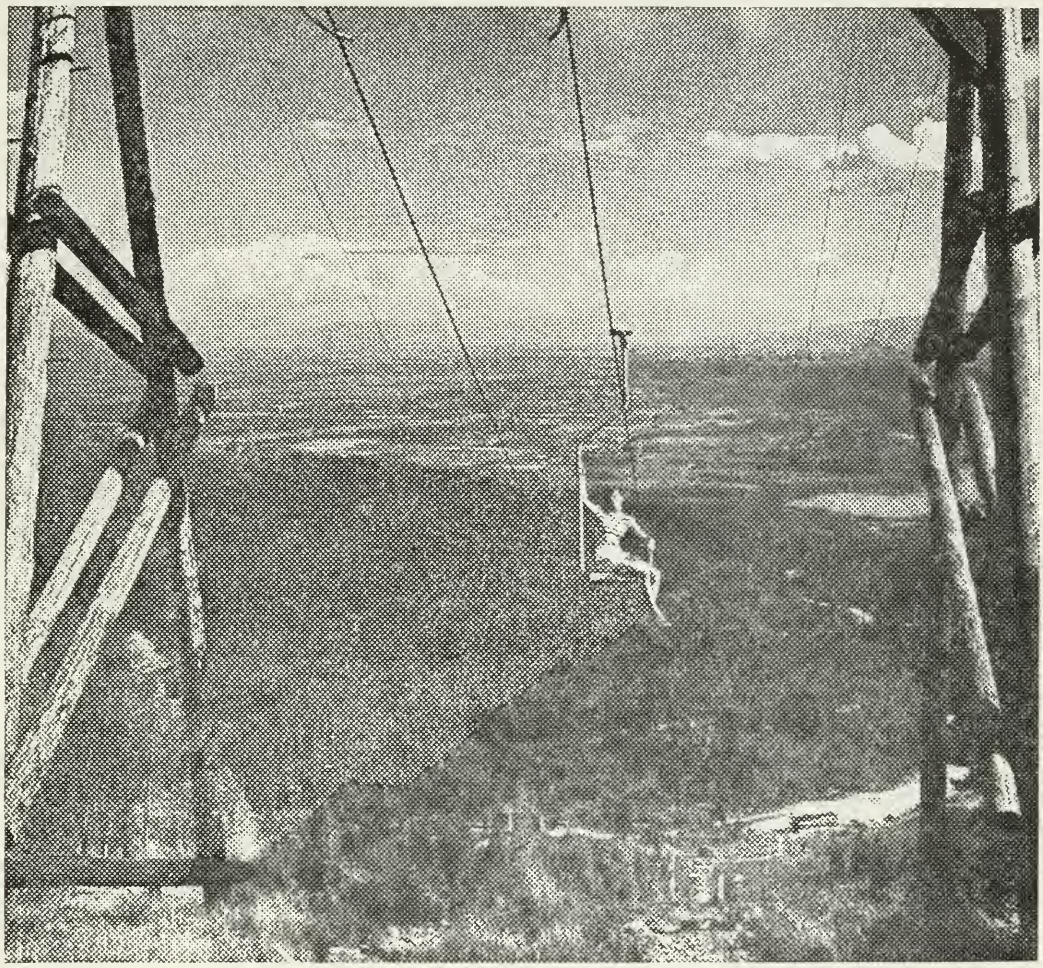

The Flathead Valley, looking toward Kalispell from Big Mountain.

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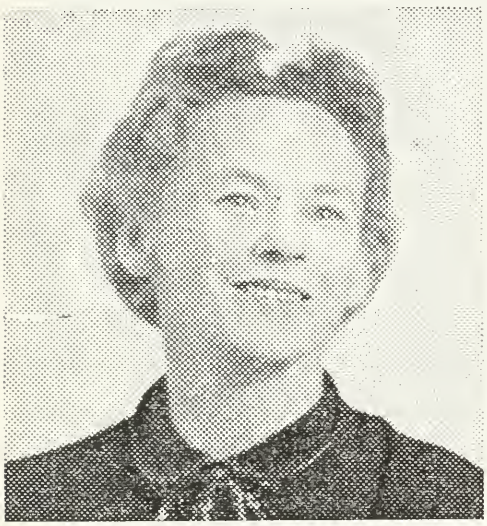
Montana State Library Association

ANNUAL MEETING, May 4-6, 1956 – KALISPELL, MONTANA

Conference Theme: KNOW—AND GROW!!

Conference guests: **John S. Richards,** Librarian of the Seattle Public Library and President of A.L.A., and **Dr. Irving Lieberman,** Director, University of Washington School of Librarianship.



Program: Friday, May 4. Preconferences at Carnegie City Library, beginning at 10 A.M. Subjects: STANDARDS FOR SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES. 1:30 P.M. Problems of Library Recruitment, Dr. Lieberman, chairman. 3:30 P.M. Library Censorship: HOW WE CAN MEET IT. 4-6 P.M. Registration (Carnegie Public Library) 8:00 P.M. First general meeting: PHILOSOPHIES OF LIBRARIANSHIP, Dr. Lieberman.

Program: Saturday, May 5. 9:00 A.M. Second General Meeting (Kalispell High School Library) MONTANA'S LIBRARIES IN A CHANGING WORLD: Post-war standards in 1956. PROMISE OF THE FORD FOUNDATION'S SURVEY FOR THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST: Miss Kathleen Campbell. CHALLENGE TO MODERN LIBRARIANSHIP, John S. Richards, President A.L.A. Noon: Luncheon at H.S. Cafeteria. "Introducing Frank Linderman", Mrs. Roy Walter, Kalispell; "Let's hear a story"—Dame Fairy Tales (Mrs. Zola Carter, Columbia Falls) 1:30 P.M. Third General Meeting. Workshops with conference leaders: THE NEW LOOK IN AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS; THE BUSINESS LIFE OF A LIBRARY; THE NEW LOOK IN PUBLICITY. Dinner, Big Mountain Lodge. G. M. Moss, presiding. Speaker, DOROTHY JOHNSON.

Program: Sunday, May 6. 7:30 A.M. Breakfast, Temple Tea Room. (Friends of Libraries Business Meeting and breakfast.) 8:30 A.M. Film Festival. 9:15 A.M. Fourth General Meeting. PROBLEMS OF SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES COOPERATION, and BASIC REFERENCE BOOKS FOR SCHOOL AND PUBLIC LIBRARIES. 12:00 noon, Luncheon, Temple Tea Room. Program, Friends of Libraries. 1:30 P.M. Business Meeting. 2:00 Tour to Hungry Horse Dam. 3:30 Tea at the Hacienda. ALL'S WELL THAT ENDS WELL!!

M.S.L.A. OFFICERS 1955-56

PRESIDENT.....**Virginia Walton, Montana Historical Society**
VICE-PRESIDENT, President-Elect.....**Marjorie Moores, Hill County Library**
TREASURER.....**Clare Smith, Miles City Public Library**
SECRETARY.....**Martha Hassell, Veteran's Administration Library, Fort Harrison**

Our Hostess Libraries

Described by Their Librarians

Carnegie City Library, Kalispell, Montana

A reading room was first opened for public use in Kalispell in November 1892 and was maintained by the local women's clubs.

The public library of Kalispell was made possible by the organization of the Library Fund Association in 1894, by the women of the city. After two years of raising money by various means, a library was opened in a small building on Second Street East. A few books were purchased and other books and magazines donated. Miss Florence Madison took charge and served as librarian until about 1904.

In the meantime somewhat larger quarters were secured, and in April 1903 bids were advertised for the erection of the present building. Ten thousand dollars were given by Mr. Andrew Carnegie and an equal sum by the city to build the building and equip it. The new building was officially opened in 1904. Mayor Logan was instrumental in securing this new building for the Kalispell residents.

For several years the books were bought by the Library Association, but the expense of maintenance in the new building made it necessary for the city of Kalispell to take over the responsibility, and a tax was voted for that purpose.

The Library Board comprises the mayor, superintendent of city schools and three members appointed by the council.

Miss Katherine Judson took up the work as librarian in 1904 and since that time Miss Janet Nunn, Miss Mary Parkhurst, Miss Elizabeth Ritchie, Miss Harriet Hall, Miss Anne Donovan, Miss Helen Campbell, and Miss Freda Westensee have held that position. In these early days there were about 10,000 volumes, with 35 magazines and 10 newspapers. About 200 books were checked out daily. Magazines for reference were stored in the basement.

In more recent years, Miss Dorothy Phelps, Mrs. Patricia (Gibbons) Rosenthal, and Mrs. Jeanee (Bennett) Masuda were librarians, followed by Mrs. Jeane (Lewis) Sturdivant, the present librarian, in 1945.

A new children's department has been the major project during recent years. It was completed in 1953. For this department, the north wing in the basement was completely remodeled and decorated with children in mind. There is a mural painted by a student depicting story book characters on one wall.

At present there is a vacant room in the basement which will be remodeled for a staff and story hour room.

The library has grown to a book collection of 24,000, a circulation of 76,000, with 900 to 1,000 new borrowers registering each year, and subscriptions to about 85 magazines.

—Jeane Lewis Sturdivant, Libn.

Flathead County Free Library

Kalispell, Montana

The Flathead County Free Library was first the thought of Mrs. M. G. Manning who at that time was the wife of a farmer in the Lower Valley. It grieved her to know that the rural people of the county did not have adequate library service and many could not afford the fee of five dollars which was required to use the Carnegie City Library. Mrs. Manning presented this thought at the annual meeting of the County Federation of Women's Clubs in September 1936, and it was made the major project of the club for the coming year. This project was started under the able supervision of Mrs. Manning and would have progressed much faster but for the long illness and death of Mr. Manning. Mrs. Manning left the state and returned to an unfinished course in college.

The names of the members of the first committee are as follows: Mrs. M. G. Manning, Mrs. Ivan Christensen, Mrs. Harry Koch, Mrs. Harry Pierson, and Mrs. J. E. Hall. Petitions had to be circulated and 1,952 signatures has to be obtained before a public hearing could be held. Many groups worked hard in this effort and the first ones to start out were Miss Ann Olsrud, Mrs. Ivan Christensen and Mrs. Carl Grosswiler, Mrs. John Hutchens, Mrs. Roman Zeller, Mrs. Katherine Brayson, and Mrs. Eva Cassel. The people in Somers, Bigfork, Belton, Half Moon and Columbia Falls signed almost 100%.

In 1939, Mrs. Lillian Peterson, who was the County Superintendent at this time, made a plea to the clubs of the Federation that the rural children be given the same chance for the use of books and a reference library as the city children.

The County Library was established at a public hearing held on May 16th, 1942. At this time the County Federation was composed of sixteen clubs. Eleven were rural and five were city clubs and we are grateful to the city people who helped us to reach our goal. Mrs. Dean King invited Miss Inez Ratekin, now Mrs. Robert Herrig, the Lincoln County Librarian, to be her guest and the main speaker at the Federation in September of 1942. Miss Ratekin gave an interesting talk and answered many questions on the steps to take in establishing a new library.

In December 1942 the Commissioners appointed Miss Anna Olsrud, Mrs. Joe Adelbert, and Mrs. Eva Cassel to serve as board members for the library. Miss Anna Olsrud was tireless in her efforts for the library until she left the Flathead Valley and Mrs. Adelbert has served on this board continuously since that time and is still serving in this capacity.

Miss Jeane Lewis, now Mrs. Charles Sturdivant, was the first librarian and she served from April 1943 to June 1945, when she accepted a position as librarian at the Carnegie City Library.

Mrs. Astrid Koppang acted as librarian from July 1945 to March 1946 at which time Mrs. Cornelia Sherman accepted the position as librarian.

The circulation the first year 1943-1944 was 16,318. The circulation in 1955-1956 was 94,455.

At the end of the first year there were 3,790 books in the County Library. At the present time there are over 24,000 books.

The budget the first year was $5,006.00. The budget last year was $14,538.00.

Our big project for the next year is to work for a new home for our library.

—Cornelia W. Sherman, Libn.

Whitefish Public Library

Whitefish, Montana

The Whitefish Public Library is an example of many small community libraries. In 1925 it began as a project of the Woman's Club. Members of the club established a library board and served voluntarily as librarians, not only to the city of Whitefish, but also to all rural patrons in the Whitefish area. The library was open three afternoons each week from three to five, and was supported by contributions and benefit funds. The library building was a one-room cottage located directly behind the present City Hall, which served the library purpose for twenty-two years.

In 1943, after 18 years of voluntary service and slow and steady growth, the library was placed on the city's program and given a small budget. Mrs. A. C. Engelter, who had served on the voluntary board, was named city librarian on a part-time basis.

In 1947 the library was moved to its present location in the basement of the City Hall. This was another step forward in the library's progress, and it continued to grow in spite of its problems. It was only a short time until the present quarters became overcrowded and inadequate for the more than 10,000 volumes.

The circulation soon tripled, from 5,898 in 1943, to 17,901 in 1950, and to 21,660 in 1955. The library grew, the city grew, and the rural area grew. The problems grew also. The library now supported by a city population of 3,200 serves a community population of over 5,700.

The interest and help of the community have grown also. This was most evident when the Whitefish Library Association was organized in 1952 after an anonymous donor presented a $2,500.00 gift to the city for the purpose of starting a Library Building Fund. The Association has worked to promote the construction and maintenance of larger quarters for the Public Library and endeavored to aid in the problems arising from the growth of community library service.

Mable Engelter, Libn.

AROUND THE STATE

After a monumental moving job the Montana State University Library is expecting to open soon to the University students, who have enjoyed the novel experience of entering the reading room by means of a fire escape on the outside of the building. The addition built on the rear is unfinished, but the technical staff are working there. The front of the building inside has a completely new look, with open arches, stairs leading to the reading areas on the upper floor. The charging desk will be centrally located. Furniture and fittings are now occupying the attention of Kathleen Campbell and her staff. . . . Friends of the Library and interested citizens are campaigning hard for a new Flathead County Courthouse in Kalispell. The Flathead County Library expects to occupy a part of the much-needed structure. . . . And, speaking of libraries, plans for the beautiful new Glacier County Library, a headquarters building in Cut Bank and branch in Browning, are under way, and have been publicized in the newspapers.

NEWBERY CALDECOTT AWARDS 1955

NEWBERY: Latham, Jean Lee.....**Carry on Mr. Bowditch** Houghton Mifflin

Runners-up: Rawlings, Marjorie Kinnan.....**The secret river** Scribners

Lindquiest, Jennie.....**Golden name day,** Harper

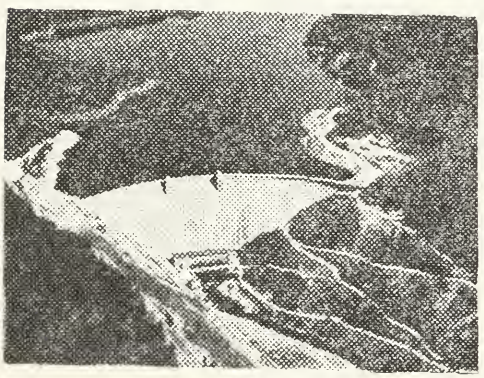
Shippen, Katherine B.....**Men, microscopes and living things,** Viking

CALDECOTT: Rojankovsky, Feodor..**Frog went a'courtin',** Harcourt

Runners-up: Yashima, Taro.....**Crow boy,** Viking

Ets, Marie Hall.....**Play with me,** Viking

S.L.E.C. NEWS



The headquarters library was one of the recipients of the multi-volume GREAT BOOKS OF THE WESTERN WORLD, a joint venture of the Grolier Company and the A.L.A. This set may be borrowed by any library in the state wishing to put on a demonstration or exhibit. The basic ideas of our culture are embodied in the works of the various authors, and a unique feature is the SYNTOPICON, an index to the use of these ideas. . . . ELLEN TORGRIMSON attended several meetings of the A.L.A. Mid-Winter Conference at Chicago, and while chatting with GRETCHEN SCHENK, well-known authority on county and regional library development and Montana visitor last Spring, was snapped by the Library Journal photographer. The picture appears in the March 15 issue of

Library Journal. . . . Incidentally, an article describing the new Kern County Library branch at Taft, California and showing a picture of CATHERINE S. CHADWICK appears in the February 15 issue of Library Journal. So much fame for the S.L.E.C. all in one month. . . . The S.L.E.C. now subscribes to LIBRARY LITERATURE, a publication of H. W. Wilson Co. listing articles on library matters appearing in current periodicals of the library world. If anyone is interested in a specific subject, let us know and we will try to supply it. . . . Apologies to LEWISTOWN, whose budget was named at $70,065, instead of the correct $10,065. Only we wish we **could** increase **all** budgets 7-fold. . . . Also we are sorry that we failed to mention MILDRED HOLLAND'S name as acting-librarian of Big Horn County, at Hardin. If we made other errors, please notify us, so that we can correct them. . . . ISABEL GOPIAN long a member of the S.L.E.C. staff, became MRS. JACK HOLT, during the Christmas season. Jack is a representative of the Crowell Publishing Company and the Holts now live in Huron, South Dakota. . . . MRS. FLORENA VINAL, assistant librarian, and Mrs. Chadwick visited Sanders County early in March. They attended meetings of the Thompson Falls Library Board, the Woman's Club of Plains, the Library Board at Plains, and the organizational meeting of the Dixon Friends of the Library group. Dixon has a library started through the cooperation of the S.L.E.C. and the Woman's Club of Dixon. A building has been procured, and the group is making headway in their planning for greater service. MRS. LUCILLE THOMPSON, a sister of ALMA JACOBS, and also a trained librarian, is assisting with the project.

. . . The S.L.E.C. met early in February in Helena, followed by meetings of the Advisory Committee on Federal Aid, composed of Mrs. Ruth Longworth, Miss Virginia Walton, Miss Lesley Heathcote, Mrs. Marjorie Moores, president-elect of M.S.L.A., was unable to be present. A meeting of the M.S.L.A. Legislative Committee headed by Mrs. Leo Graybill of Great Falls was attended by Mrs. John Marchi, Virginia Walton, Mrs. Longworth, Kathleen Campbell, and Mrs. Chadwick. Mr. Edmond Toomey could not attend. A tentative legislative program was set up, and plans laid for its submission to the M.S.L.A. in May. MISS KATHLEEN CAMPBELL, Commission Chairman, and Mrs. Chadwick, consultant, journeyed to Helena in March to consult with architect KNUTE S. HAUGSJAA, A.I.A. of the firm of McIver, Hess, and Haugsjaa, designer of the Pioneers and Veterans Building at the Capitol, and with MR. K. ROSS TOOLE, director of the Historical Society and MISS VIRGINIA WALTON, librarian. It is expected that designs will soon be submitted, and that plans may be seen at the M.S.L.A. meeting in Kalispell. The Commission Library must seek quarters elsewhere, since it is housed in the old ASMU Building on the MSU campus, and the building has long been marked for demolition. There is only one other State Library extension commission library in the United States which is not located at the capitol, and one of Gretchen Schenck's strongest recommendations when she visited Montana last year was that the library be moved to the capitol, where it can become a stronger and more helpful factor in the library service of the state.

Parable: How One Librarian Solved Her Problem

(From Show-Me Libraries—January 1956 issue)

Her library was too small. Just not enough room for the books and space for readers, especially children.

"I must get the board to authorize the purchase of more shelves. But where will I put them? We need a larger place."

On her way home she stopped at the variety store to buy some thumb tacks for her bulletin board display. The sales girl took an awfully long time.

"I know we have thumb tacks, and they should be here, but we have so much junk around here."

"Junk is right," the librarian thought, "I don't see how they ever find anything, and it certainly looks junky at that."

"Never mind," the librarian said, "if you find them, I can stop tomorrow." But she thought, "I know another store where I can get them quickly."

Next, she stopped at the auto supply shop for a plastic cover to keep frost from the windshield of her car. She described what she had in mind.

"Yes, I know what you mean, and our company has them, but we have had very few calls for them. I can have one for you by Monday. I'll just drop a card to our warehouse in Kansas City. You see, we have such a small space here that we can only keep those items which are in general use."

"That's interesting. Do you often have to send to Kansas City for items?"

"Only occasionally, because we carry what is usually in demand."

Then suddenly she thought about her library. She blushed when she was forced to admit it was more like the variety store.

I'll bet the auto shop has the most business. And why not? I could bororw those occasionally used books from the State Library. Of course, we have very little money for postage. But the new shelves would cost so much more than the occasional postage. For the money we would spend for shelves we could buy more new books which are in constant demand. But, I do hate to dispose of so many of our books."

Then, she made up her mind.

"I'll write the State Library for that bulletin on **Weeding the Library** and suggestions on what kind of books to keep and what to discard. After all, it isn't good business to have a library with so many books which no one ever reads."

It took initiative and work, but when the board came in for their next meeting the surprise on their faces would have been funny if she had not been "quaking in her boots" with fear of what they might say about the old books that were gone. As a safeguard she had carefully stored the old books.

"What have you done?" asked the president.

"Oh, just cleaned house a bit," she said.

"Well, looks nice, more like one could find what might be needed. I congratulate you on the great improvement in the looks of the library."

Then she explained about borrowing books only frequently needed.

"Sounds sensible," they said. "We certainly have no objection to running a library in a businesslike manner."

MARK THESE ON YOUR CALENDAR

A.L.A.—Miami, Florida.....June 17-23, 1956

P.N.L.A.—Pullman, Wash.....August 29, 30, 31, 1956

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GREAT FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKMOBILE

"I believe that short of life saving itself there is no more blessed act on this earth than the spirit-saving act of putting into the hands of a hungry child a book which will sustain him imaginatively, feed him morally and refresh him aesthetically."

by Jessamyn West
Address delivered at the A.L.A. Conference, June 20, 1956

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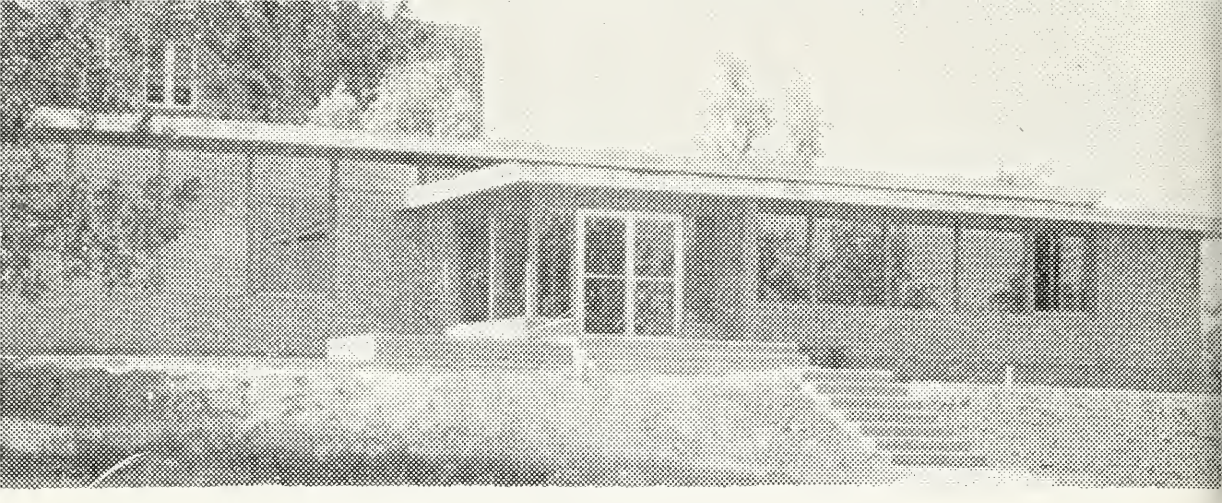
AROUND THE STATE

Every Friday afternoon is story-hour time at the DIXON PUBLIC LIBRARY. The newly decorated and attractive little library, capably directed by LUCILLE THOMPSON, is just now knee-deep in puppets—projects of children taking part in the summer reading program. The big performance to round off the summer will be held the second week in August . . . The MSLA meeting in Kalispell seems to be generally considered as one of the most successful ever held in Montana. It was the fiftieth anniversary of a meeting held in Kalispell in 1906 by a small group of Montana librarians, among whom was MISS ESTHER LEISER, formerly Reference Librarian in the Missoula Public Library. The MSLA commemorated the occasion by a gift of flowers and a life membership in the association to Miss Leiser. EVELYN SWANT accepted the gift on behalf of Miss Leiser . . . . Standards, standards, standards were the subject of the meeting, and suitably enough, with the new ALA standards about to become a reality . . . Guests of honor at the convention were JOHN S. RICHARDS, president of ALA, and IRVING LIEBERMAN, director of the University of Washington School of Librarianship . . . MR. O'NEILL, who spoke so interestingly of early libraries in Kalispell at the convention, died recently . . . Joran Birkeland, much travelled author of BIRCHLAND, is assistant librarian in the Montana State Historical Library this summer . . . HARRIETTE CUSHMAN, state chairman of the Friends of the Library organization, is getting around the state to talk to people about her project—and OURS. Havre was her latest port of call, but she plans extensive forays into the outermost reaches of the state this fall . . . Suggested to librarians of the state for use in their communities is the photographic slide and recording tape commentary entitled TRACES OF THE PAST, the work of HELEN BENNETT WEST of Cut Bank. The presentation will be available for loan and will be used on the traveling MIA LITTLE FESTIVAL. It was a sensational success at Virginia City . . . And more news from Cut Bank Friends: every month the representative of each organization carries back to his group special news about what is going on in the library. It's a splendid way of acquainting people with the work of the library . . . RICHARD DARLING has joined the permanent faculty of the School of Education at Montana State University. He has been teaching courses in Library Science during the summer session for the past two years. Now the program has been expanded, and courses will be offered during the academic year. Students preparing to teach may complete a minor in Library Science. Mr. Darling is a native Montanan who holds B.A. and M.A. degrees from Montana State University and an M.S. in Library Science from the University of Michigan . . . PAULINE RICH has retired from her position as librarian at Eastern Montana College of Education. She will continue to make her home in Billings . . . . On June 25th, the GREAT FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY put its new $15,000 bookmobile into service. It is proving so popular that circulation from the bookmobile is rivaling that of the central library . . . LOIS FENN, a graduate of the George Peabody College Library School, joined the Great Falls Public Library staff as Reference Librarian on

July 1st. Previously Miss Fenn was librarian of the Cass County Library, Harrisonville, Mo. . . . MARTHA JANE PROMMEL has accepted a position as Bookmobile Librarian in the Great Falls Public Library and will report for duty September 1st. She is a graduate of the University of Denver School of Librarianship and has been supervisor of libraries in Shreveport, La. . . . PARMLY BILLINGS MEMORIAL LIBRARY expects delivery of its second bookmobile any day now. MISS MARY ENDSLEY will be the librarian in charge of the new unit . . . Other Billings news: JEAN TODD is traveling in Europe this summer; DONNA SANBROOK has resigned as children's librarian and will go to the Toledo Public Library September 1st; MRS. LOUISE KJARE joined the staff as assistant reference librarian July 1st; MRS. CAROL GETZ has been transferred to the High School department . . . A two-week in-service training workshop will be conducted in the Parmly Billings Memorial Library from August 13 to 24, under direction of LUCILLE SIMPSON, formerly librarian of the Great Falls Public Library . . . On August 10, a meeting was held in Great Falls to formulate plans for regional library demonstrations under the Library Services Act. Librarinas in attendance from all sections of the state pledged their support of a program to extend and improve library service in Montana.

BUILDINGS

KATHRINE HARDMAN at the Mineral County Public Library, Superior, is in the process of redecorating the headquarters in the court house. Deep green walls, with shelves in the children's area in primary colors, and one interior wall in watermelon pink, make up the color scheme. The Mineral County Commissioners unanimously endorsed the Federation plan of service proposed by their library board and librarian and are looking forward to all the new books and services the federal funds will provide . . . DARBY PUBLIC LIBRARY will also shine forth in new glory. The city fathers have agreed to allow the library to occupy the lower floor of an attractive log building on the main street near the park. The large front doors, which formerly accommodated the fire engine, will be replaced by a huge picture window, which will permit the passer-by to look in on an attractive knotty-pine room with colored shelving for the children's and young people's collections. The very active historical society, under the direction of Mrs. Phyllis Twogood, plans to place exhibits of local historical interest in the library. MRS. LYLE BARRINGER is the librarian . . . RUTH LONGWORTH reports from Glacier County that the new BROWNING BRANCH LIBRARY is almost completed and very attractive. A consignment of steel has been delivered, which means that work can proceed on the headquarters building in Cut Bank, which had been at a standstill because of the steel strike . . . FLATHEAD COUNTY LIBRARY has moved to new quarters in the Elks building in Kalispell. CORNELIA SHERMAN and MILDRED GRAWE are now sharing the responsibility of directing the library . . . MABLE ENGELTER is displaying a model of the library section of the proposed Whitefish Civic Building to house the city hall offices, fire department, library and other services. The bonds for the new



TOOLE COUNTY LIBRARY, SHELBY, MONTANA

building will soon be voted on by the citizens . . . COLUMBIA FALLS is now operating a branch of the Flathead County Library in their library building which was donated by the Anaconda Aluminum Company . . . TOOLE COUNTY LIBRARY has moved into its new building and is planning an Open House for September 9th. The new library is a beautiful structure of tapestry buff brick and pumice block, set on a hill overlooking the main business section. Huge, double-glazed windows fill the front expanse of the building. The overall decorative scheme is monochromatic in shades varying from desert sand to copper. The inviting children's room, separated from the general library by a copper-toned planter, is in a shade of muted mulberry. It features a sloping reading table and bench. On either side of the inner door there will be etched glass panels of scenes in Glacier Park, one of St. Mary's Lake and one of Trick Falls. Mrs. WILLIAM BLACK is the librarian.

S.L.E.C. NEWS

ELLEN TORGRIMSON was granted the degree of Master of Science at the annual commencement of the University of Illinois, Urbana, on June 16th. Miss Torgrimson returned to her position as Secretary of the State Library Extension Commission on July 2nd . . . MRS. HELEN EWING was reappointed to the Commission by Governor Hugo Aronson for a three-year term . . . En route to Missoula after attending the meetings of the National Association of State Libraries and the American Library Association in Miami, Florida, CATHERINE S. CHADWICK stopped off in Denver to discuss planning for the federal aid program with Gretchen K. Schenk, who was conducting a workshop on regional libraries at the University of Denver. Attending the workshop from Montana was ALMA S. JACOBS.

Again it is **Annual Report** time, and the cooperation of all Montana librarians is requested in order to assemble them promptly. This year the U. S. Office of Education in the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare is collecting public library statistics, a project which it undertakes every five years. By special arrangement the Office of Education has sent two report forms to each library, one

of which is to be returned to the federal office, the other to be sent to the State Library Commission. Several Montana librarians have already sent their reports, and we hope the rest of you will give the matter immediate attention. The value of a compilation of statistics, such as the Office of Education publishes, depends upon the completeness of their coverage. Please fill out the forms as completely as possible and send them in.

Films available for loan at the SLEC office are:

Small Town Library
Library on Wheels
Books and People: the Wealth Within
The Impressionable Years

The Great Falls Public Library has a series of films on Child Development which it will lend to libraries wishing to organize adult discussion groups on this subject.

P.N.L.A. NEWS

The Pacific Northwest Library Association will hold its annual conference from August 29 to 31 at Pullman, on the Washington State College campus. Highlighted this year will be the FORD FOUNDATION PROJECT, which is being directed by Morton Kroll, a political scientist from Wayne University, Detroit. Henry T. Drennan, formerly librarian of the Umatilla County Library, Pendleton, Ore., has been appointed Assistant Director. The headquarters for the project are on the campus of the University of Washington, and the Library School, headed by Irving Lieberman, is expected to assist in tabulating the survey findings and other materials which emerge from the project. KATHLEEN CAMPBELL is on the executive committee, and CATHERINE S. CHADWICK is a member of the larger board, which is composed of representatives from each of the states and provinces of P.N.L.A.

ALMA S. JACOBS will be inaugurated as president of P.L.N.A. at the meeting in Pullman. Several Montanans have been nominated for offices for the coming year. Election results will be announced at the conference.

The Young Readers' Choice Award Committee has announced that MISS PICKERELL GOES TO MARS, by Ellen MacGregor, has been selected by the children of the Northwest as their favorite book published during the years 1951-53. This is a considerable honor, since over 130 libraries, both public and school, in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia participated in the voting through their children.

A.L.A. NEWS

A.L.A. officers for 1956-57 were installed at the Miami Beach Conference on June 22.

President, Ralph R. Shaw, Rutgers University Graduate School of Library Services
1st Vice President (President-elect), Lucile M. Morsch, Deputy Chief Assistant Librarian, Library of Congress

2nd Vice President, Harold F. Brigham, Director, Indiana State Library

Treasurer, Richard B. Sealock, Librarian, Kansas City (Missouri) Public Library

Miss Margaret Fulmer, Whittier (California) Public Library, was elected chairman of the Public Libraries Division.

Miss S. Janice Kee, who has served as Executive Secretary of the Public Libraries Division for more than four years, is resigning as of August 31st. She has accepted the position of Secretary, Wisconsin Free Library Commission. Following the Miami Beach Conference, Miss Kee went abroad for a six-weeks' tour of Europe. Her assistant, Mrs. Dorothy Smith, has been appointed interim Executive Secretary of the Division until Midwinter 1957.

Other headquarters appointments include: Jack Dalton, Director, A.L.A. Office for Overseas Library Development; Robert L. Gitler, Secretary, A.L.A. Board of Education for Librarianship; and David K. Easton, Headquarters Librarian, succeeding Miss Helen Geer, whose resignation became effective July 1st.

The BOOKLIST and SUBSCRIPTION BOOKS BULLETIN will be merged into one publication, effective September 1, 1956, at a subscription rate of $6.00, the present rate for the Booklist. Reviewing procedures will remain the same . . . New editions of the A.L.A.'s widely used book lists are now in preparation and will be published early in 1957, according to an announcement by the publishing department. The three titles are: BASIC BOOK COLLECTION FOR ELEMENTARY GRADES, BASIC BOOK COLLECTION FOR HIGH SCHOOLS, and BASIC BOOK COLLECTION FOR JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS.

"INFORM YOURSELF"

"Register, Inform Yourself and Vote" is the improved slogan of the Register and Vote campaign of 1956, sponsored again this year by the American Heritage Foundation, 11 West 42nd Street, New York 36. More than a hundred national groups are participating, and the American Library Association is one of them. The American Heritage Foundation has published a manual, HOW TO GET PEOPLE TO REGISTER AND VOTE. A special poster has been designed for libraries. On it, "Use Your Library" is the action line. The slogan is "Vote — but Don't Vote in the Dark: Listen, Read, Look, Talk, Argue, Think." Libraries are encouraged to take stock of their own resources and to use them in developing interest in intelligent voting.

A.L.A. CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

The long-awaited, long-sought enactment of the Library Services Bill was announced by President John S. Richards at the close of the Second General Session on June 19th. The news was greeted with enthusiasm, but thoughtful reaction came in a subsequent Conference resolution which conveyed "heartfelt thanks to the President and the members of Congress who have worked so earnestly and

effectively for this legislation" and concluded: " . . . the members of the American Library Association accept the challenge of this legislation and express the full extent of their appreciation through action—action that will result in the kind of public library service anticipated by the members of Congress in their support of the Library Services Act."

A new blue-print for nation-wide improvement of public library service was presented to the A.L.A. Council on June 18th. The document, PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE TO AMERICA, A GUIDE TO EVALUATION, WITH MINIMUM STANDARDS, is for use of librarians, library boards, government officials and interested citizens in assessing the adequacy of their present library services and in formulating plans for the improvement of libraries. It builds on previous statements of standards originally issued by A.L.A. in 1933 and 1943 and revised in 1948 as Post-war Standards. It declares:

> "Libraries working together, sharing their services and materials, can meet the full needs of their readers . . . In a well-organized structure of library service, the reader in smaller and more remote places will have access not only to all books and materials in his region, but beyond that to the resources of the state and the nation. The development of systems of libraries does not weaken or eliminate the small community library. On the contrary, it offers that library and its users greatly expanded resources."

Twenty-one libraries received citations in the John Cotton Dana Publicity Awards Contest, sponsored jointly by the WILSON LIBRARY BULLETIN and the A.L.A. Public Relations Committee. Presentation of the framed citations were made by Howard Haycraft, president of the H. W. Wilson Company, on June 18th. Among public libraries with population up to 25,000, WHITEFISH PUBLIC LIBRARY received Honorable Mention "for publicity showing an awareness of the place of a small library in the national picture." Catherine S. Chadwick accepted the citation on behalf of MABLE ENGELTER. On August 31st, Mrs. Chadwick presented the award to the library at a public meeting in Whitefish.

The 1956 Margaret Mann Citation for outstanding professional achievement in cataloging and classification was awarded to Susan Grey Akers, one of the outstanding figures in American librarianship. She is the author of SIMPLE LIBRARY CATALOGING, which is a basic book in the field.

Mrs. Otis G. Wilson of Huntington, West Virginia, and Judge Eugene A. Burdick of Williston, North Dakota, were awarded citations of merit for outstanding contributions as library trustees.

Georgia Sealoff, a Seattle high school librarian, was presented with the Grolier Society award in recognition of her outstanding contribution to the reading of young people.

Miss Julia Bennett, A.L.A. representative in the Washington Office, whose services in promoting the Library Services Bill have gone so

far beyond the call of duty, was the pleased recipient of a diamond wrist watch from A.L.A. members and friends who wished to recognize her outstanding contribution.

Best attended general session was the one at which the movie, STORM CENTER, was shown. The picture, which will be shown in theatres throughout the country starting late in August, stars Bette Davis. It deals with what happens to an American community when censorship is imposed on its library and a subsequent guilt-by-association attack is made upon the librarian.

Montana was represented at the Miami Beach Conference by Ann Whitmack, Parmly Billings Memorial Library, and Catherine S. Chadwick, Library Consultant, State Library Extension Commission.

A.L.A. WASHINGTON OFFICE

Congressional conferees allowed the Library Services Act to begin operation on July 27th, but on a smaller scale only. Instead of appropriating the full authorization of $7,500,000, as had been hoped, the House and Senate conferees on the Second Supplemental Appropriations Bill cut this amount to $2,050,000, saying that this was all that could be spent between now and January. This in effect means that the states will receive the basic $40,000 allotment under this appropriation. They did allow the Federal administrative funds of $140,000 so that the program could get under way.

While the cutback from the $7,500,000 was a grave disappointment for those of us who had expected that the full amount would be granted, it is emphasized that we have won a substantial victory in obtaining any funds for so new a program. Many Congressional leaders who called the Washington Office following the conference report emphasized the fact that our chances of obtaining additional appropriations in January depend entirely on what the states do between now and that time with the funds just granted. This places the burden directly on the states.

Montana librarians should write to Congressmen Metcalf, Mansfield and Murray expressing appreciation for their support of the bill.

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